



MARIETTA

2019 GIBSON BLOCK

ESTATE GROWN
SYRAH
MCDOWELL VALLEY

AGING

18 months in neutral barrels

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

14.9%

PRODUCTION

910 cases

RELEASE DATE

Spring 2022

SUGGESTED DRINKING WINDOW

Drink now or age up to fifteen years

HARVEST NOTES

The 2019 Harvest brought another fantastic year of smooth weather with a slow paced, even growing season. Temperatures were a bit cooler than average, leading to picking a week or so later than typical norms. As per the recent Northern California pattern, fire showed up in late October adding to the stress of the season. However, our grapes were picked by then and the only added excitement was power outages and evacuations. We are grateful that our employees and properties stayed safe in 2019 and that the wines show great depth, measured ripeness, and wonderful retained freshness.

TASTING NOTES

The Gibson Block is the heart of the McDowell Valley AVA. The head trained, dry farmed vines in this block are a field blend of some of the oldest Syrah, Grenache, and Petite Sirah in California and yield an aromatic powerhouse of sage, peppercorns, and black cherries. This unique wine made from a brings new levels of density and depth. A touch of cedar and cigar box round out the nose while the seamless mouth balances the brightness of raspberry with bitter chocolate in a long lasting, tightly wound, and seductively clean progression. Every bit deep and dark yet lifted and inviting, this wine is as unique as the 130+ year old vines from which it comes.



SINGLE ESTATE SERIES

Our Single Estate Series represents our purest expressions of place. Having worked with the fruit from tens of vineyards over the years, we have identified three special sites that we believe create extraordinary wine. Produced in limited quantities, these wines have ultra-developed acid and tannin profiles and achieve a beautiful balance of intense structure and bright aromatics.

PRAISE FOR 2018 GIBSON BLOCK

96 points

Deep ruby-purple color and deep, layered aromas of tar, earth, blackcurrant liqueur, cast iron and dried violets. The full-bodied palate bursts with juicy acidity, sparks of Luxardo cherry and a silky, rounded mouthfeel. It finishes very long and perfumed.

— Erin Brooks,
Wine Advocate, Spring 2021