

# GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY



YOUNTVILLE • OLD VINE  
2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
ESTATE GROWN • NAPA VALLEY

**LEGACY:** In honor of Miljenko “Mike” Grgich’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, we dedicate this remarkable vintage to him. This rich, yet elegantly balanced wine is a wonderful tribute to his enduring legacy.

**VINTAGE:** Napa Valley experienced an above-average rainfall in the early months of 2019 with over 50 inches of rain in Rutherford. The residual moisture and colder than average soils led to a delayed start in budbreak. Spring and summer enjoyed moderate temperatures with no significant heat spikes until August. The harvest began in early September and finished the first week of November.

**VINEYARD:** We’re proud to be the custodians to some of the oldest Cabernet Sauvignon vines in the Napa Valley. Our Yountville Cabernet Sauvignon vines were planted in 1959 to the Inglenook clone (also known as Niebaum Cabernet Sauvignon #29) on St. George rootstock. More than a half century old, these vines have developed a root system that reaches deep into the subsoil to access all the available nutrients. They produce fewer grapes at this age but more concentrated, intense flavors that express a greater depth of *terroir* and complexity. We farm all of our certified organic vineyards naturally, using the principles of regenerative agriculture.

**THE WINE:** Grown on one of the oldest Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards in Napa Valley this elegant wine starts with complex aromas of brambly blackberry, rosehip, red currant, and blood orange followed by flavors of sweet cherry, blueberry, rosemary, and dry peat. The tannins are soft and round and velvety leading to a long luscious finish.

## WINEMAKER’S NOTES

Alcohol.....14.5% by volume  
Fermentation ...indigenous yeast;  
3-4 weeks of skin  
contact  
Harvest date ....October 16, 2019  
Sugar.....25° Brix (average)  
Bottling date ...July 2021  
Release date .....April 2023  
Total acid .....5.6 g/L  
pH .....3.68  
Time in oak.....20 months  
Type of oak.....100% French oak;  
50% new barrels  
Production.....702 cases (12/750 ml.)  
Blend.....86% Cab. Sauvignon  
8.0% Petit Verdot  
6.0% Cabernet Franc

## REVIEWS

**93** | James Suckling - 11.1.21  
**93** | Jeb Dunnuck - 5.14.22