

## ALRAVN

2019 | sonoma county cabernet sauvignon

We've been making wine in Sonoma County for over ten years now and along the way, established a dynamic network of friends and colleagues that include vineyard owners, growers and winemakers. While we successfully navigated and maneuvered our way through the négoce market in the past, Valravn represents the next evolutionary step for us. Because of those forged relationships and friendships, we have exclusive access to grapes from fantastic vineyards and the team to oversee hands-on production from vineyard to bottle. We are proud of our past achievements and excited to realize the culmination of a decade of learning and focus, bringing authentic wines to the table that we have found, seen, and touched at every step. Valravn wines are out of the gate approachable, delicious, and table ready.

## VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The 2019 Valravn Cabernet Sauvignon is 92% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. The grapes hail from Sonoma County vineyards, including the sub-appellations of Dry Creek Valley, Moon Mountain, Sonoma Valley, and the cooler Knights Valley. Combining elevations, aspects, climates, and soil types allows us to blend the components for a seamless composition.

In the cellar, hand-sorted grapes undergo an extended cold-soak followed by primary fermentation in stainless steel. Following primary, the wine is racked to French oak barrels (new, second use, and neutral) for 18 months aging - Sylvain, Gamba, Darnajou, and Seguin Moreau cooperages. After aging, the wine was gravity settled and bottled unfined and unfiltered.

## TASTING NOTES

Decidedly ripe-vintage Bordeaux inspired with a balance of savory and sweet that is immediately apparent in the clove/baking spice meets cassis/dark berry aromatics. Smooth tannin structure with high tones, opulent fruit, and notes of espresso and dark chocolate.



