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2019 Bennett Valley
Cardiac Hill Syrah
96 Points Jeb Dunnuck

The 2019 vintage is our third release of Cardiac Hill Syrah. 2019 was one of the coolest vintages since 2011. Both winter and spring were filled with rain, which ushered in a long and cool growing season. There were no unprecedented heat spikes or weather events, which is every winemaker's wish. 2019's even growing season will create wines that are elegant and fresh for years to come.

The 2019 Cardiac Hill Syrah is a young but muscular wine with great structure. It's deep and inky in color, and opens with notes of creosote, sweet crude oil, hard cherry candy, and warm chocolate syrup on the nose. In the mouth, this wine is perky, with more savory elements than the 2018 vintage and a baby fat quality that is typical of a young Syrah. White pepper and poblano pepper appear on the palate, with satin-like, fine-grained tannin.

Enjoy this wine now through 2035.

Vineyard Notes:

Location

Tucked into Jemrose Vineyard, the small Cardiac Hill vineyard block earned its name because of the steep, rocky, north-facing slope it is planted to. The Estrella River selection of Syrah and the limited rocky soils yields some of the smallest and most flavorful Syrah fruit around.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

44%

Barrel Aging

22 months

Bottling Date

July 2021

Composition

100% Syrah

Alcohol

14.7%

Production

166 cases

~42% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

