



PARALLEL NAPA VALLEY

2019 BLACK DIAMOND RESERVE NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON "PRIMA"

On the ski slopes, Black Diamond runs let you know that you are about to experience the most exhilarating runs the mountain has to offer. Our Black Diamond Reserve is used to mark the best barrels we produce annually. The 2009 release of Black Diamond Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was the beginning of an ongoing program that now culminates each year during Harvest Season with a "Name the Vintage" contest. Parallel Wines' fans submit a Black Diamond or Double Black Diamond ski run at a favorite resort, and the winner is rewarded with an etched 3L bottle of their named vintage upon its release.

PHILIPPE MELKA WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

"The 2019 Prima is opening up in the glass with layers of cigar box, violets, creme de cassis, dark plums and a hint of French oak spices. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied, dark in tone and layered with graphite, forest floor and a hint of sweetness. A great example of the 2019 vintage, showing complexity, great acidity and an enjoyable profile now. A structured wine that can age for the next 15+ years."

97 POINTS - WINE ADVOCATE

"There are 262 cases of the stunning 2019 Black Diamond Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Prima, a blend assembled from two famous vineyards. There's a rich, earthy element and hints of licorice, and both lend nuances to the ripe cassis fruit in this full-bodied effort, which comes across as densely concentrated yet supple and silky. The elegant, lively finish lingers, framed by soft tannins. Approachable now, yet with the stuffing to last at least a decade, it's a lovely Cabernet that really expresses its (largely) Rutherford origins."



Vintage: 2019
Ski Resort: Vail Ski Resort, Vail, CO
Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
AVA: Napa Valley
Harvest Date: October 17-18, 2019
Alcohol: 15.3%
pH: 3.85
Brix: 26.6

Fermentation: Fermented lots individually in stainless steel tanks, average 3 days cold soak and 24 days on skins
Aging: French oak barrels for approximately 26 months, about 80% new French oak
Bottling Date: February 1, 2022
Production: 262 cases