



## 2019 Hesperian Cabernet Sauvignon

Kitoko Vineyard, *Atlas Peak, Napa Valley*

### Description

Inviting aromas of blackcurrants, redcurrants, blackberries, red licorice, and ground spice. Full-bodied with silky soft and rich tannins, suede like. There's a pleasant crushed-stone character to the backfruted palate. Red licorice and suede come through. A little background note of pepper, too. Layered and balanced.

### Vineyard

Kitoko Vineyard, named for the Congolese Lingala word for "beautiful," is a 14.2-acre vineyard high on Atlas Peak, planted to Cabernet Sauvignon in 2000 and 2003. The soils here are incredibly rocky, dry, and poor, quite like Pritchard Hill to the north, studded with fractured andesite rock and boulders. The proximity to the San Pablo Bay brings persistent winds, which along with the heat and arid soil, cause the set of very small berries and loose bunches, and consistently delays ripening each year.

### The Harvest

Bud break mid April followed by a warm early season. Late rains in May recharged the soils in water. October was extremely dry and windy. The lowest Accumulated Growing Days of all Napa nested appellations but higher than 2018. Harvest started October 18 and ended November 4.

ALCOHOL LEVEL:	14.6 %
CÉPAGE:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
ÉLEVAGE:	20 Months in French oak : 83.4% new, 8.3% once-used , 8.3% twice-used
PRODUCTION:	300 cases
OPTIMAL AGING:	2022 - 2038