



2019 Hesperian Cabernet Sauvignon

Witha, Napa Valley

Description

Aromas of blackcurrant, blackberry, cola, black licorice, and camphor. Medium to full-bodied with gentle tannins. A fresh entry followed by a rich smooth, dense, and juicy palate. Crushed black fruit, peppery notes and melted chocolate. Lightly savory and rather tasty.

Vineyard

Named for the Congolese Lingala word for “beautiful,” Kitoko is a 14.2-acre vineyard high on Atlas Peak, planted to Cabernet Sauvignon in 2000 and 2003. The soils are incredibly rocky, dry, and poor, similar to Pritchard Hill to the north, studded with fractured andesite rock and boulders. 43.3% comes from the North Face block, 18.2% from the Bay View block and 38.5% from the Finger block.

The Vintage

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 and 8.3% twice-used
PRODUCTION:	300 cases
OPTIMAL AGING:	2022 - 2038

