



2019 Hesperian Cabernet Sauvignon

Pawa, Napa Valley

Description

Aromas of blackcurrents, red berries, strawberry jam, garden herbs, and red licorice. Full-bodied with soft velvety tannins. Sleek and polished on the palate where the tannins help to steady the brooding fruit and subtle spice. Elegant. Long finish with spearmint, cherry, fennel, and raspberry liquor flavors.

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, like Pritchard Hill to the north, studded with fractured andesite rock and boulders. 16.7% of this wine comes from the North Face block and 25 % from the Finger block in Kitoko Vineyard. The remaining 58.3% of the wine comes from the best barrels of Eagle’s Nest Vineyard, in between Monticello Road and Milliken Creek in Napa.

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:	14.8%
CÉPAGE:	100% <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
ÉLEVAGE:	20 Months in French oak; 33.3% new, 16.6% once-used and 50.1 twice-used.
PRODUCTION:	300 cases
OPTIMAL AGING:	2022 – 2028