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SYRAH · PETITE SIRAH · NAPA VALLEY

2019 Relentless

This wine honors long-time Shafer Winemaker Elias Fernandez and his relentless pursuit of quality. Sourced from ridgetop vineyards adjacent to the southern border of Stags Leap District, the grapes for Relentless are a proprietary blend of Syrah and Petite Sirah.

RELEASE DATE	September 1, 2023
VINEYARD LOCATIONS	Ridgetop and foothills sites along the Vaca Mountains just south of Stags Leap District
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	89% Syrah, 11% Petite Sirah
BRIX AT HARVEST	24.0° – 26.0°
COOPERAGE	30 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Allier & Tronçais)
ALCOHOL	15.8%

2019 GROWING SEASON

The long, sunny 2019 summer created a beautiful growing season for our Syrah. The fruit developed deep color and clean, bold, and elegant aromas and flavors.

"2019 Relentless is a bold, complex vintage with a juicy core of classic Syrah gaminess and an enticing range of savory aromas and flavors. The wine opens with grilled meat, black pepper, roast almonds, and baked earth. On the palate, the wine is mouth-filling and soul-satisfying with vivid flavors of black pepper, wet stone, blueberry, and black tea. The finish is lengthy and its underlying acidity and ripe, structured tannins means it is built for long term age-ability."

ELIAS FERNANDEZ, WINEMAKER

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"A deep purple-hued blockbuster of a Syrah ... delivers richness and intensity with no sensation of weight of heaviness, it has terrific balance, ripe tannins, and a great finish."

JEB DUNNUCK · 96

"Rich and deep ... full-bodied with a broad, structured palate that has a deep core of dark berry fruit, and an array of plush, velvety tannins ..."

JAMES SUCKLING · 95

"The 2019 Relentless is gorgeous. Bright and intensely savory, the 2019 bristles with energy. Black pepper, sage, tobacco, incense and dried herbs lend tons of nuance to this expressive Syrah/Petite Sirah blend."

ANTONIO GALLONI, VINOUS · 94