

TSUCHI NO KOE

ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

2019

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The wine is vibrant and red-fruited on the palate with flavors of cherry and black plum, contrasted by notes of tobacco, graphite, and black pepper with herbal undertones. Bright, juicy acidity is balanced by fine grained tannins. Medium bodied with a long finish. Delicious now, but the acidity and structure will reward cellaring for a decade or more.

VINIFICATION PROCESS

Multiple picks were made at a range of 22.5 to 24.5 Brix. The grapes were completely de-stemmed and underwent native yeast fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Native malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel and the blend was assembled shortly after to encourage integration of tannins and flavors. The wine was aged for 18 months in 40% new French Oak and filtered at bottling.

STORY

Japanese for "Voice of the Land", Tsuchi No Koe represents our reverence for nature. The mythical kirin emblazoned on the bottle is said to only appear before those with a gentle heart and stands as a guardian of the earth, signifying peace, prosperity, and a bountiful harvest.



WINEMAKER

Steve Matthiasson

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VINEYARD

Meadowbrook Farm Estate

PRODUCTION

1,500 cases (750mL)
160 cases (375mL)

ALC

13.5%

PH

3.74

TA

6 g/L

WINE ENTHUSIAST

93 pts

WINE SPECTATOR

92 pts