

## TATE

### 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MOUNT VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY

#### TASTING NOTES

This is one of the darkest wines Tate has ever produced. Near black in color at the core the rim is opaque dark purple. In its youth the wine is dark and brooding not showing much at first. After a few seconds big black currant and peppercorn spice begin to emerge followed by black chocolate and cedar all moderated by the soft vanilla oak spice. The initial mouthfeel is silky and plush, then the chalky tannins start to emerge and grow. It is more blackberry than blackcurrant on the palate with sweet spices of cinnamon and cloves. This massive stunning wine needs time in bottle to reach its peak. A minimum of 15-16 years would be rewarded, although if you like huge wines no one would fault you for opening sooner! (2036-2037).

#### TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	David and Suzanne Tate
WINEMAKER	David Tate
VARIETAL	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION	Mount Veeder
PRODUCTION	150 Cases
ALCOHOL	14.9%
AGING	22 months in French Oak Barrels



#### BACKGROUND

David Tate, a native of British Columbia, Canada, is the Winemaker and Founder of TATE along with his wife Suzanne Tate. Established in 2011, TATE is known for single expression wines from independently owned, micro-vineyards across the valley floor and mountain sides of the Napa Valley.

David is also the General Manager and Winemaker for Barnett Vineyards atop Spring Mountain in the Napa Valley since 2007. Prior to his work with TATE and Barnett, David was the assistant winemaker at Ridge Vineyards for five years at Montebello in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Suzanne Tate's roots are in Texas but will quickly tell you that Northern California and the Napa Valley are now 'home'. After five years of distribution in Texas, Suzanne had a chance meeting with David at a wine dinner and well, as they say the rest is history. Suzanne moved to the Napa Valley in 2010 and very quickly, the idea of TATE came to life.

From our small start of 400 cases, TATE is now producing just over 1,000 cases annually of Chardonnay from Yountville, Merlot from Calistoga and single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon's from St. Helena, Mt. Veeder and Howell Mountain.