

CERVANTES

2018 BLACKTAIL, NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

"We don't have anything in mind about what the final blend will be each year," winemaker Andy Erickson said about this Blacktail blend. "We want to create something that is unique to the place this year." The 2019 Blacktail Proprietary Red Blend MMXIX is produced from 41% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 17% Malbec, 22% Petite Sirah and 11% Petit Verdot. Deep garnet-purple in color, it sings of exotic spices—fenugreek, cloves, star anise, and cinnamon stick—over a core of plum preserves, warm cassis and incense, plus a touch of forest floor. The medium to full-bodied palate is packed full of bright, juicy fruit, supported by taut, grainy tannins, finishing very long and layered.
96 pts, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Xavier Cervantes
WINEMAKER	Andy Erickson
VARIETAL	9% Cabernet Franc 41% Cabernet Sauvignon 17% Malbec 22% Petite Sirah 11% Petite Verdot
APPELLATION	Napa Valley
PRODUCTION	427 Cases
ALCOHOL	14.8%



BACKGROUND

It has been called Napa Valley's last frontier. Just over the peak of Howell Mountain, alongside Pritchard Hill, is a place less-traveled yet full of promise. Here, the adventurous Cervantes family pairs with a renowned team, including winemaker Andy Erickson of Screaming Eagle Fame. This amazing 1,100 acre ranch marks the highest profile project for Andy Erickson and Xavier Cervantes where they are growing text book Napa Valley hill side wines.