



## AVIARY VINEYARDS

### 2019 CALIFORNIA BIRDS OF PREY - RED BLEND

#### OUR STORY

Founded in 2010, Aviary Vineyards launched with the 2009 vintage of our Napa Valley Red Blend. That first vintage took advantage of small lots from 13 different vineyards throughout the Napa Valley. Much like an aviary, the blend of different grapes created something more special than each component on its own. We strive to craft wines that are captivating and enjoyable. We want to express the big, bold flavors that are uniquely California, but presented in a balanced and elegant style with a smooth finish. Birds of Prey is a tribute to the guardians that watch over our vineyards and to those early Aviary wines that were so well received.

We are a team, a family, a community, and like an aviary, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

A beautiful and classic California vintage with a warm, long summer ending with a cooler period that allowed grapes to develop flavors and complexity. We had a healthy size harvest, which allowed us optimal opportunity to put a stellar blend together.

The 2019 Birds of Prey Red Blend embraces the big, bold style unique to California's optimal growing conditions and the signature winemaking of Aviary with its balanced texture and smooth finish. The foundation of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc is expressed in the dark, garnet color and deep aromas of blackberries, black cherries, tea leaves, and almonds. The introduction of Lodi Zinfandel into the blend this year adds lively flavors of strawberry jam, cantaloupe, and pink Pez candies (from a Batman dispenser, of course). We use a combination of American and French oak to express notes of buttered toast, vanilla, and chocolate brioche. This wine is an expression of our desire for a wine that we can enjoy on a beautiful evening, enjoying good company and a great view. Enjoy.

#### COMPOSITION

55% Cabernet Sauvignon  
18% Merlot  
5% Cabernet Franc  
22% Zinfandel  
AVAs: Lodi County, Sonoma County

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol: 14.5%  
Barrel Aging: 12 months  
French/American Oak

