

# HARPER OAK

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALEXANDER VALLEY - SONOMA COUNTY



## VINEYARD

Located north of Healdsburg and east of Geyserville, the Alexander Valley stretches 25 miles from north to south with the beautiful Russian River meandering through.

The vineyards selected for *Harper Oak* Cabernet Sauvignon, found in Jintown are adjacent from some of the most iconic producers of Alexander Valley.

Sitting on a bench above the Russian River at an altitude of nearly 300 feet, the vineyard is planted on clay and sandy loam soils that range in depth from 18 inches to 5 feet over compacted sandstone, with moderate fertility and good drainage, make it ideally suited to Cabernet Sauvignon.

## WEATHER & MICROCLIMATE

The general pattern for this region is Mediterranean, ideal for optimal grape growing. Nearby, the Pacific Ocean dominates the climate, resulting in cool, wet winters, 30-50 inches of precipitation, replenishing the aquifer while grapes are dormant. Summers are warm and arid, allowing for a slow depletion of soil moisture which slows down vine growth at the perfect time. The dry climate reduces pest and disease pressure. The Alexander Valley is cooled from south to north by marine air moving in from the Pacific Ocean via the Petaluma Wind Gap and Russian River valley, providing a combination of heat to ripen the crop and a cool down to preserve freshness and acidity.

## WINEMAKING

Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon (90%) - Merlot (5%) - Cabernet Franc (3%) - Malbec (2%)

Aged in Oak for 10 months., 10% of which is new.

## TASTING NOTES

Fruit forward with a full body texture, the wine shows earthy aromas of cassis, mission figs, black cherry, hints of leather, dark chocolate, and toasted oak. Dry fine tannins balanced by a lush mouth-feel carries the velvety richness through a long, lingering finish.