

The DIPLOMAT

SMALL VINEYARD BLOCKS RED BLEND—NAPA VALLEY

94 POINTS "...would give a great Pomerol a run for its money..."

— *leb Dunnuck*, jebdunnuck.com, feb 16 2023

This is a wine which Winston Churchill would have been drinking whilst insulting Hitler or some pandering moron. The wine is dark and rich and is not for the faint of heart, if you are looking for a light table wine, go away, quickly...this is wine for drinking, eating and making love.

Vintage Notes — The 2019 vintage was in every way a staggeringly great to me. I knew then, as I watched the vintage progress and when I finally and methodically picked the fruit block by block, passing through again and again to get just the perfect clusters, the fruit, those intense flavors, the richness were something incredible, even more so now, looking back, knowing now that the following year would bring so much carnage. How lucky I was, and I didn't even know it.

Vineyard Notes — Sourced from small, family vineyards, (in some cases for 3-4 generations) that are farmed with great care and attention. These vineyards (some are 80+ years old) have been brought together, actually woven together, so the magical fruit could at last become Fortunate Son.

Composition — Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and a very small fraction of Petite Sirah.

Cooperage — Aged for 30-32 months in the finest French oak barrique. The stave wood is hand-selected for ultra-tight grain, then air dried for three years before being made into barrels.

Appellation — Napa Valley