

In 1983, Tony and Herta (HB) Peju purchased thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of Napa Valley. They worked hard to build a winery, plant estate vineyards and raise their family. PEJU remains family-owned with Tony and HB's two daughters Ariana and Lisa guiding the business today. Ariana and Lisa are bringing fresh ideas while maintaining the meticulous focus on quality that began 40 years ago. With its landmark tower and warm hospitality, PEJU Winery is an integral part of the Napa Valley landscape.



2019 RESERVE CABERNET FRANC, NAPA VALLEY

VINFYARDS

We believe great wines are made in the vineyard and are committed to farming sustainably and naturally to preserve these properties for the long term. We are certified Napa Green at our Rutherford winery and vineyard. In 2019 all six of our estate vineyards were certified Fish Friendly Farming, as part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability.

VINTAGE

The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the uit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins.

TASTING

This luxurious wine offers beautiful aromatics and a captivating presence. The nose displays a bouquet of dried savory herbs, ripe dark berries, and star anise. On the palate, this wine is nothing short of a masterpiece. The smooth and scrumptious flavors of caramel, integrated dark fruit, and chocolate play off each other beautifully. The wine is complex and layered, with a long smooth finish that coats the palate and leaves a lasting impression.

DETAILS

Appellation: Napa Valley

Composition: 76% Cabernet Franc, 19% Cabernet

Sauvignon, 5% Malbec

Aging: French oak, 85% new, 26 months

Harvest: October 2019 **Release:** October 2024

Cases: 914

Winemaker: Sara Fowler Alcohol: 14.8%

ACCOLADES

92 points, *James Suckling* **92 points**, *Wine Advocate*