



RUDD

Mt. Veeder

LESLIE'S BLEND

2019



NAPA VALLEY RED WINE
GROWN, PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY RUDD
OAKVILLE, CALIFORNIA

ALCOHOL 14.8% BY VOLUME

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Ideal growing seasons in 2018 and 2019 led to exceptional successive vintages in Napa Valley. Our high elevation Mt. Veeder vineyards thrive in vintages such as 2019, when ideal temperatures and an elongated growing season allowed for the true structure and freshness of the site to come through. The growing season began with plenty of rainfall, followed by a prolonged warm summer, offering few extreme heat events, balanced with ample foggy mornings. The long and relatively mild finish to the growing season preserved freshness, finesse, and harmony in the fruit. With the five unique Bordeaux components planted on Mt. Veeder, a small pick of Merlot started the red varietal harvest on September 26th. The Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec all benefited from additional hang time with harvest of these varietals starting October 14th, lasting 3 days. Vintages such as 2019 show us the benefits of a gradual growing season, allowing for abundant hang time, leading to intense color, complex structure, and plush tannins in the fruit.

The 2019 Rudd Mt. Veeder Estate Leslie's Blend is captivating and uniquely expressive immediately out of the glass. It greets the nose with enchanting notes of anise, roasted nuts, and a subtle hint of vanilla bean, followed by a distinctive undertone of green olive, adding a layer of complexity synonymous with the West side of Napa Valley. As you delve deeper, the wine reveals its luscious and rich character with wild berry pie aromas and liquored cherries. On the palate, this wine is full bodied, offering a harmonious blend of savory sage and fennel, accentuated by the presence of dark red and black fruits, adding intentional depth and youthful richness attributed to the larger percentage of Cabernet Franc in this particular vintage. While all five varietals play a pivotal part in the blend of this wine, the role of Cabernet Franc was amplified in 2019 due to the outstanding quality and opulence it contributed. The wine's profile features classic and rarified Mt. Veeder characteristics of dark cocoa powder, notes of cedar, and a backbone of rocky tannin, creating a robust and well-structured wine which lingers on the palate giving a sense of refined permanence. Now that the vines are over 20 years old, the careful selection of barrels ensures the varietals are highlighted, and the wine's aging potential is outstanding with well-integrated tannins and a unique balance between the medley of varieties and the rustic terroir from which they grow. This wine has only begun to develop and will continue to evolve over the next 20 years.

APPELLATION	Mt. Veeder
HARVEST DATES	Starting September 26th, lasting 22 days, 8 separate picks
GEOLOGY	Complex diversity of rhyolitic tuff, breccia and andesitic cobbles
BLEND	37% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Cabernet Franc, 16% Petit Verdot, 8% Malbec, 2% Merlot
AGING	53% New French Oak

Rudd Oakville Estate