



# mannequin

## 2019 CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY

Fashion goes through cycles with vintage becoming modern and contemporary becoming stale. Mannequins follow those trends too; the vintage having personality, the contemporary unable to express—all the while, the mannequin stays relevant. In similar ways, Chardonnay is going through its own evolution; the butter-bombs of the past are giving way to nervy, acid-forward expressions of the varietal. Staying relevant and being true to our style is the goal of Mannequin—a balanced form of Chardonnay that isn't overly oaky but has the trendy nuance of our times.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Glowing in the glass, the yellow gold core flutters as the pale straw rim swirls. Immediate aromas of Meyer lemon, jasmine, yellow chrysanthemum and a hint of fresh cut pineapple and Maldon sea salt come from the glass in layers. On the palate, a silky and opulent entry of juicy yellow peach and nectarine is balanced by a vibrantly elegant finish of lemon zest, almond praline and toffee.

### BLEND

Chardonnay

### MATURATION

Aged in 56% new French oak sur lie for 7 months

### ALC/VOL

15.2%

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# 8 years in the Desert

## 2020 CALIFORNIA RED WINE

*8 Years in the Desert* is our homage to California. Anchored by a distinctly Californian grape varietal, Zinfandel, we have been able to source fruit from across the state and craft a wine that shows off our style. As a result of picking later than most, we have a higher risk of 'stuck fermentations' specifically with Zin; our methods have minimized those risks although they still remain year to year. Complemented by structured Petite Sirah and layered Syrah, this blend was carefully selected to be the fourth progression in the series.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Bright violet in the glass, the *2020 8 Years in the Desert* is the epitome of our style, the reason we are even here in the first place. As it's being poured, the aromatics hit squarely on the nose with a perception of sweetness: pure brambly raspberry juice and blueberry preserves with a hint of white pepper and High Sierra forest floor. Yet, the perceived sweetness on the nose is just that, perceived, and doesn't carry through to the palate. Lush and enveloping with a beam of acidity, notes of blackberry pie, plum and kirsch flourish. Ultra-round tannins and lingering raspberry, the wine finishes in slow-motion.

## BLEND

Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Syrah

## MATURATION

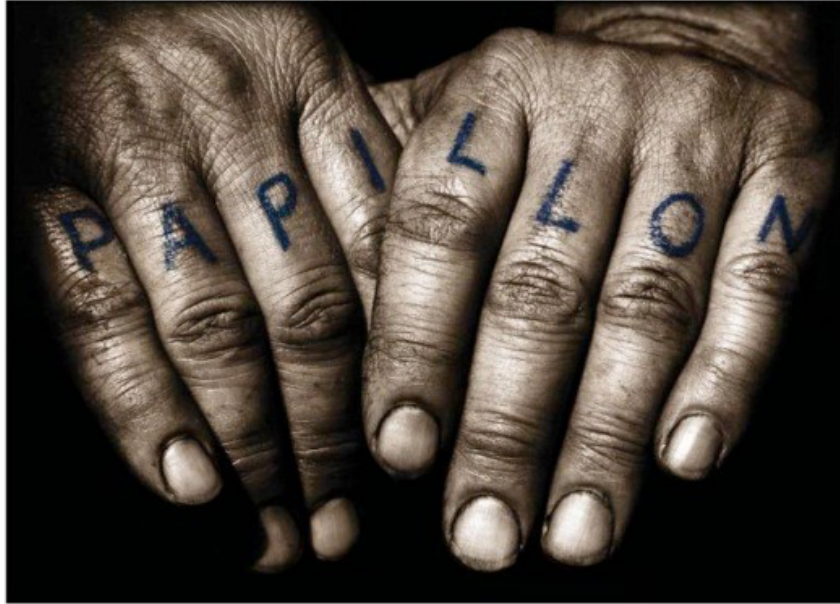
Aged for eight months in French Oak, 51% New

## ALC/VOL

15.8%

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# PAPILLON

## 2019 NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

A true five-varietal Bordeaux blend is hard to find anywhere in the world. But lucky for us, we've been able to source all five across the Napa Valley to produce one of our flagship wines. From the mountain tops of Atlas Peak to the gravelly soils of St. Helena and everywhere in between, the resulting blend elicits a dialectic found on the label: a butterfly may be delicate and elegant while the hands of a farmer are anything but. Similarly, the sensory introduction to Papillon is overwhelming and breathtaking; yet, as the wine opens, it transforms slowly into a wine of elegance and opulence in one. It is truly the epitome of our style of winemaking.

*Our good friend and fellow winemaker, Greg Gorman, photographed the label.*

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2019 Papillon pours a neon crimson and settles into a dark core with a ruby rim—crimson through and through. Aromatically, the wine opens with powerful notes of blackberry, kirsch, coastal sagebrush and evolves into ripe pluot and roasted fig. An enveloping entry of grandeur, the palate reveals a more elegant side of the wine: black plum, blackcurrant, toffee and trace hints of sweet red vermouth, muddled mint, and orange peel. Polished, balanced and with an imagined sweetness, the wine closes with ripe but firm tannin and a mild drying character, capable of converting even the staunchest of Bordeaux-philes.

### BLEND

Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc

### MATURATION

Aged 13 months in French oak, 47% new

### ALC/VOL

16.1%

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## *Mercury Head*

### **2019 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

*Mercury Head* is our physical manifestation of history, land and art in a bottle of wine. Each dime has lived through at least 76 years of history while winemaking in the Napa Valley has existed longer. This wine brings those together in a unique way—a synthesis à la Orin Swift. We are extremely fortunate and lucky to have access to vineyards of excellent pedigree. This vintage of *Mercury Head* is comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon from the Stagecoach, Emerson Day and Morisoli vineyards with a small percentage from the historic Monte Rosso vineyard overlooking Sonoma Valley that was too good to leave out. Together, they combine to create a wine of intensity, nuance and complexity, worthy of our flagship wine.

### **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

The upfront aromatics of the wine transports one to the Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards listed above during harvest; notes of ripe and crunchy blackcurrant means it's almost time to pick. The nose of the 2019 *Mercury Head* has a concentrated dose of that aroma along with some redcurrant, fresh thyme, sandalwood and garrigue. Profound, yet classic, the palate expresses blackberry and raspberry preserves, a touch of rhubarb and toffee with some black tea and licorice accents. A final hint of chocolate covered espresso bean and ultra-soft tannins frames the extensive finish.

### **BLEND**

Cabernet Sauvignon

### **MATURATION**

Aged for 13 months in French Oak, 43% new

### **ALC/VOL**

16.1%

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