



Fidélitas Fall 2022 Releases

September

2019 Fidélitas Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

- Accolades:
 - 95 - Jeb Dunnuck
 - *“Bordeaux-like blackcurrant, chocolate, lead pencil, new leather, and tobacco emerge from the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Fidelitas Estate Vineyard, a rich, medium to full-bodied, incredibly satisfying Cabernet from this team. With ripe yet building tannins, terrific balance, and a great finish, it's ideal for drinking any time over the coming 15-20 years.”*
 - 93 – Owen Bargreen
 - *“Outstanding now, the 2019 Fidelitas ‘Estate’ Cabernet Sauvignon is a beautiful new Red Mountain red that is built to age. Once on the nose this takes on creme de cassis, Earl Grey tea, milk chocolate covered black cherry and scorched earth notes. The palate is well-balanced and broad-shouldered, with firm tannins that hold in place a rich core of dark fruits, creosote and herbal accents. Consider giving this one more year in the bottle before consuming. Drink 2023-2039.”*
- Production: 600 cases
- Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Blend of Clone 2 and Clone 6.
- Vineyard: Blocks 1 and Block 3 of the Fidélitas Estate
- Oak Fermentation: 65% 40hL Oak Tank, 19% Roller Barrels, 16% 30hL Oak Tank
- Aging: 84% New French Oak - extended barrel aging: 28 months

2019 Fidélitas Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 169

- Accolades:
 - 94 – Jeb Dunnuck
 - *“Spent 28 months all in new French oak, and it's a clonal selection from the estate vineyard on Red Mountain. More red and black currant fruits as well as spice box, dried flowers, chocolate, and some tobacco notes emerge from this beauty, and it's medium to full-bodied, has classic Red Mountain minerality, building tannins, and a great finish. It's another beautiful, complex, layered wine from this team that does everything right. Give it 2-4 years and enjoy over the following 15-20.”*
 - 94 – Owen Bargreen
 - *“Tannic and massive, the 2019 Fidelitas ‘Estate’ Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 169 comes from a southern slope in the Estate Vineyard which sees a lot of sunshine. The wine is highly fragrant with violet rose petals and Cuban cigar, coffee grounds and shades of pencil lead. Big and burly, with great finesse and structure, with salty undertones, this is highly nuanced Cabernet Sauvignon that needs another year or two in the bottle to fully come together. Drink 2024-2040.”*
- *First vintage of this wine!*
- Production: 185 cases
- Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 169
- Vineyard: Block 8 of the Fidélitas Estate
- Oak Fermentation: 50% 40hL Oak Tank, 50% Roller Barrels
- Aging: 100% New French Oak - extended barrel aging: 28 months



2019 Fidélitas Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 412

- Accolades:
 - 93 – Jeb Dunnuck
 - *“Has slightly more herbal and darker, earthy notes as well as vanilla, floral, and spicy notes on the palate. As with all the wines here, it's beautifully balanced, has silky tannins, nicely integrated acidity, and a great finish. This darker, complex, floral Cabernet can be drunk any time over the coming 15 years or more.”*
 - 94 – Owen Bargreen
 - *“The 2019 Fidélitas ‘Estate’ Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 412 comes from a new block in the 2015 ‘Estate’ planting. This saw extended barrel age of 28 months prior to bottling. Black florals and black olive notes mingle well with mocha and shades of cassis on the nose. The palate is very refined and dense with chewy tannins that combine with ripe huckleberry and blackberry flavors, with copious minerals. This is beautiful, layered, Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink 2023-2040.”*
- *First vintage of this wine!*
- Production: 140 cases
- Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 412
- Vineyard: Block 4 of the Fidélitas Estate
- Oak Fermentation: 100% Roller Barrels
- Aging: 100% New French Oak – extended barrel aging: 28 months

2019 Fidélitas Estate Malbec

- Accolades:
 - 94 – Owen Bargreen
 - *“This is now the second vintage of this wine. Sourced from Block 9 of the Estate Vineyard, this was stored in a combination of new and used French and American oak. Utterly complex and delicious, this reveals black currants, blueberry pie, cigar box and shades of dark chocolate shavings on the palate. Sensational to savor now, this is generous, well-structured Malbec that is built to age. Drink 2022-2039.”*
- Production: 145 cases
- Varietal: 100% Malbec
- Vineyard: Block 9 of the Fidélitas Estate
- Oak Fermentation: 33% Upright Barrels
- Aging: 33% New French Oak, 17% New American Oak



2019 Fidélitas Estate Merlot

- Accolades:
 - 94 – Owen Bargreen
 - *“Coming from a 2015 planting, this is the first Merlot from this estate planting. 100% varietal and aged in a combination of French and American oak, this delivers toasty oak with black currants and chocolate tones that meld on the nose. The palate is soft and delicious with refined tannins and great structure. Generous and concentrated, this is silky Merlot that is built to age well over the next fifteen years. Drink 2022-203.”*
- *First vintage of this wine!*
- Production: 140 cases
- Varietal: 100% Merlot
- Vineyard: Block 6 of the Fidélitas Estate
- Oak Fermentation: 66% 30hL Oak Tank
- Aging: 66% New French Oak, 34% New American Oak

2019 Fidélitas Estate Petit Verdot

- Accolades:
 - 94 – Owen Bargreen
 - *“Complex, inky and hedonistic, the 2019 ‘Estate’ Petit Verdot by Fidélitas shows beautiful green herbal tones on the nose with pencil lead, black currant jelly and creme de violette. The palate is dense and tannic, as this is a hedonistic beast of a wine that really needs another year of barrel age. Beautifully textured, enjoy over the next fifteen plus years. Drink 2023-2039.”*
- *First vintage of this wine!*
- Production: 145 cases
- Varietal: 100% Petit Verdot
- Vineyard: Block 10 of the Fidélitas Estate
- Oak Fermentation: 83% Roller Barrels, 17% 40hL Oak Tank
- Aging: 17% New French Oak, 33% New American Oak

2019 Fidélitas Estate Red Wine

- Accolades:
 - 94 – Owen Bargreen
 - *“This is another wine that was made for the second vintage, as this blends 50% Cabernet Sauvignon with smaller parts Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Wonderfully herbal from the 25% Petit Verdot, this delivers intense blackberry and black cherry flavors with pipe tobacco, anise and cocoa powder with green bell pepper accents. Drink 2022-2039.”*
- Production: 490 cases
- Varietals: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Petit Verdot, 20% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc
- Vineyard: 100% Fidélitas Estate
- Oak Fermentation: 75% 40hL Oak Tank
- Aging: 70% New French Oak, 15% New American Oak



November

2021 Quintessence Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc

- Accolades:
 - 92 – Owen Bargreen
 - *“100% variétal, this was stored in egg shaped barrels (100% neutral) which gives extended lees contact. Gooseberry and white peach aromas combine with salted Marcona almond on the nose. The texture here is outstanding, as this shows beautiful length and underlying acidity. This is delicious wine to enjoy now. Drink 2022-2028.”*
- Production: 100 cases
- Varietal: 100% Sauvignon Blanc
- Vineyard: 100% Quintessence Vineyard
- Aging: The juice is fermented and aged in specially made egg-shaped French oak barrels which allow for a greater surface area at the bottom of the vessel and more lees contact resulting in rich texture balanced by classic Red Mountain mouth-watering acidity.

2019 Quintessence Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

- Accolades:
 - 94 – Owen Bargreen
 - *“Also 100% varietal, Charlie Hoppes has made this wine since the 2012 vintage. Aged for 28 months in 70% new French oak, this delivers mocha, tar, anise and brisket notes on the nose. The palate is very deep and rich, yet elegant and has a beautiful tannic backbone. Complex and savory, with herbal undertones, this is delicious wine to consume now and over the next fifteen to twenty years. Drink 2022-2039.”*
- Production: 950 cases
- Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Clones: 60% Clone 191, 40% Clone 169 (*made from the same vineyard blocks and clones since 2012*)
- Vineyard: 100% Quintessence Vineyard
- Aging: 70% New French Oak - extended barrel aging: 28 months

2019 Quintessence Vineyard Red Wine

- Accolades:
 - 94 – Owen Bargreen
 - *“Equal parts Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc (31% each) and equal parts Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon (19% each), this offers garrigue and tar notes that combine with red florals and black currants on the nose. The palate is refined and elegant, with good concentration and firm tannins that connect with the brilliant core of dark fruits, green herbs and chocolate fudge, with a salty edge. Drink 2022-2038.”*
- Production: 390 cases
- Varietals: 31% Petit Verdot, 31% Cabernet Franc, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot
- Vineyard: 100% Quintessence Vineyard
- Oak Fermentation: 31% Upright Barrels, 19% 40hL Oak Tank, 13% Roller Barrels
- Aging: 63% New French Oak, 25% New American Oak



2019 Quintessence Vineyard Malbec

- Accolades:
 - 94 – Owen Bargreen
 - *“100% varietal, this was stored in a combination of 30% new French oak and 25% new American oak before bottling. Black tea and exotic spices combine with huckleberry pie on the nose. The palate is deep, brooding and wonderfully concentrated, with fantastic underlying finesse. Very round and open, with a plush texture, this has to be up there with the best of its kind in the state. Drink 2022-2038.”*
- Production: 480 cases
- Varietal: 100% Malbec
- Vineyard: 100% Quintessence Vineyard
- Oak Fermentation: none, all stainless steel – *makes for a more fruit forward style Malbec*
- Aging: 30% New French Oak, 25% New American Oak

2019 Quintessence Vineyard Merlot

- Accolades:
 - 94 – Owen Bargreen
 - *“This saw all stainless steel fermentation, this was stored in a combination of French and American oak before bottling. Cocoa powder dusted black cherry and black olives combine with espresso grounds on the nose. This is flat out delicious wine with its deep core of black cherry and black currants on the palate. Enjoy now and over the next fifteen plus years. Drink 2022-2038”*
- Production: 430 cases
- Varietal: 100% Merlot
- Vineyard: 100% Quintessence Vineyard
- Oak Fermentation: none, all stainless steel- *makes for a more fruit forward style Merlot*
- Aging: 50% New French Oak, 10% New American Oak