

# ACUMEN

*Napa Valley*

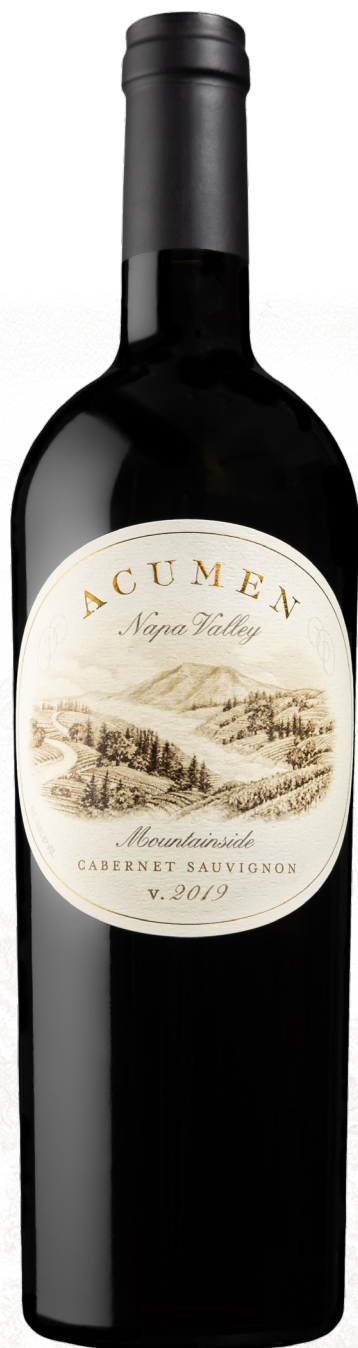
## 2019 *Mountainside* CABERNET SAUVIGNON

From its inviting cherry and black currant aromas to its hints of vanilla, sage, and clove, this wine displays lovely French oak-inspired layers of sweetness and spice. The lush, dark berry layers echo on the beautifully balanced palate, where elegant, fine-grained tannins and an energetic beam of acidity frame the generous fruit flavors while carrying the wine to a long fruit and spice finish.

### 2019 VINTAGE

2019 was quite similar to the "Winemaker's Dream Vintage" of 2018. The growing season had cooler than average temperatures throughout spring/summer. With saturated grounds in winter rains, vines coming out of dormancy had plenty of water supply for healthy bud-breaks, which with the exception of a slightly delayed Sauvignon Blanc, occurred on time in late March/early April. Temperatures in May through August continued to be cooler than usual. This and the absence of any heat events during berry formation, resulted in another consistent vintage from the Dry Creek area resulting in bright citrus flavors balanced with natural acidity in the Sauvignon Blanc fruit.

WINEMAKER: Phillip Titus  
COMPOSITION: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc  
AGING: 16 months in 100% French Oak  
ALCOHOL: 14.5%



95  
POINTS

"Aged 16 months, this Cab blended with 19% Merlot and 4% Cab Franc possesses a burly character with a satin heart. Bing cherry, cinnamon, and tobacco make an impression up front before the juicy midpoint exudes a plethora of berry notes along with mountain brush; sleek, burnished cedar; and mulberry."

— Meredith May, The Tasting Panel, May 2023

91+  
POINTS

"A blend of 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Mountainside has a deep garnet-purple color, bursting with bold scents of black cherries, mulberries and warm cassis, plus hints of fragrant earth and cedar. Full-bodied, intense and possessing bags of fresh, lively black fruits, it has a firm structure of grainy tannins, finishing long with a spicy kick."

91+ Points: An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character. In short, these are terrific wines.

— Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2021

90  
POINTS

"Including 19% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc, aged in 80% new French oak, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Mountainside sports a deep purple hue as well as big, juicy nose of red plums, blackberries, flowery incense, and spice. It's medium to full-bodied, round, and supple, and ideal for drinking over the coming decade or so."

90 Points: Outstanding wines. These wines are outstanding for their type and are worth the extra effort to seek out.

— Jeb Dunnuck, March 2022