Francis Ford Coppola

Sourced from diverse vineyard parcels across Alexander Valley, this vintage reveals the signature intensity and polish of Coppola's Director's Cut series.

FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA WINERY

Director's Cut Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The 2019 Director's Cut Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from a selection of premier vineyard sites across **Alexander Valley**, a renowned AVA in Sonoma County. This long, narrow valley encompasses a diversity of **microclimates and soil types**, from volcanic ash on the eastern slopes to gravelly alluvials on the valley floor. The cooler southern section benefits from coastal influence, preserving acidity and aromatics, while the warmer north allows for optimal ripening and tannin development.

Fruit was sourced from **multiple sites** to build a wine with complexity, balance, and character. The season began with cool conditions that slowed down ripening and enhanced fruit purity. A moderately warm summer followed, with few heat spikes, leading to **even ripening and fully developed tannins**. This thoughtful sourcing results in a Cabernet that expresses both **power and elegance**, hallmarks of the Alexander Valley terroir.

Winemaking

The 2019 blend is composed of **86% Cabernet Sauvignon**, **4.4% Petit Verdot**, and **9.6% other red varietals**, adding nuance and aromatic lift. After fermentation, the wine was aged for **24 months**, including time in **50% new oak barrels**, with **10% American oak** included in the regimen. The extended aging provides structure, smooth integration of tannins, and a subtle infusion of spice and toast.

Numerous **blending trials** were conducted post-aging to achieve the desired balance and complexity. Each vineyard parcel was vinified and aged separately before final selection, allowing the winemaking team to **compose a layered and cohesive blend** that captures the breadth of Alexander Valley.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep garnet with purple edges.
- **Aroma:** Ripe **blackberry**, **black currant**, **vanilla**, **cinnamon**, and **allspice**, lifted by a hint of oak.
- **Palate:** Juicy and plush with flavors of **black cherry**, **ripe blackberry**, **star anise**, **coconut**, and toasted spice. Dense yet round in structure, with a long, lingering finish.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 0% Petit Verdot

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Did you know?

The **Director's Cut** label is a tribute to Francis Ford Coppola's cinematic heritage. The unique wraparound label is modeled after a **Zoetrope strip**, one of the earliest moving picture devices. Each vintage's label showcases a different frame from **Coppola's personal Zoetrope collection**, making every bottle a piece of storytelling history.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled filet mignon with rosemary demi-glace**: Matches the wine's richness and accentuates its dark fruit profile.
- **Braised short ribs with polenta**: The wine's tannins cut through the meat's succulence, while the spice notes echo the braising aromatics.
- **Portobello mushroom burgers with smoked gouda**: Earthy, umami-rich and ideal for the wine's structure and spice.
- **Dark chocolate and black cherry tart**: A decadent dessert pairing that plays off the wine's ripe berry core and oak warmth.