



2019 FRIAS SMD

The SMD Vineyard is FRIAS' original site on Spring Mountain, the 2019 is a wonderful expression of this fantastic vineyard and vintage. Aromas of blackberry jam, cocoa, leather, and spice are seamlessly held up by silky tannins and balanced acidity.

WINEMAKERS NOTES:

The grapes for this wine were hand-selected in the vineyard and harvested from various blocks at optimum ripeness between October 18 and October 29. We hand sorted twice in the winery to make sure only the best reached the fermentation tanks. Once in the tanks, the grapes sat cold soaking for a few days developing color, flavor and aroma before starting to ferment. The tanks were gently punched down and pumped over for 16 to 19 days to extract color, aroma and flavor from the grapes carefully, then the juice was drained, and skins pressed before being filled into barrels. The wine finished a native malolactic fermentation in the barrels in two month's time and was aged for 19 months in small French oak barrels (46% new). Bottling took place in May 2021.

APPELLATION:	OAKVILLE
VARIETAL:	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
ABV:	14.5%
PH:	3.82
TA:	5.92
PRODUCTION:	324 CASES
MSRP:	\$85

THE FRIAS STORY:

In 1977 Manny Frias Sr. purchased 100 acres at the base of the iconic Spring Mountain District in Napa Valley. In 1985, five of those acres were planted, and FRIAS Family Vineyard was born. The first vintage was 1991, and since then, the vineyards have expanded to over 13 acres planted to Cabernet Sauvignon. FRIAS also produces wines from single vineyards in Oakville and Yountville from families with whom they have long-standing relationships.

Second-generation brothers Fernando & Manny Frias Jr. are now at the helm, and continue the quest for excellence with their family-owned and artisanal winery. Winemaker Todd Heth has been with the team since 2004 crafting these polished and powerful wines.