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2019 Vintage Reviewed by Antonio Galloni

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Sleeping Lady Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon: 96-99

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Sleeping Lady Vineyard is a potent, brooding wine. Most Sleeping Lady Cabernets are usually relatively restrained, but Julien Fayard's 2019 is a real powerhouse. Dark, bold and dramatic in the glass, the 2019 possesses tremendous richness and power to burn. Blackberry jam, espresso, licorice and smoke linger on the substantial, tannic finish.

Martinez Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon: 95-97

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Martinez Vineyard is a powerful, imposing wine. Crushed rocks, gravel and a whole range of savory notes complement the inky dark fruit so well in this dramatic, statuesque Cabernet Sauvignon from Julien Fayard. Chocolate, espresso, licorice, cloves and lavender develop later, adding further shades of dimension. The 2019 is a spectacularly gorgeous, riveting Cabernet Sauvignon.

Platt Pinot Noir: 92-94

The 2019 Pinot Noir Platt Vineyard is laced with the essence of crushed raspberry, mint, cinnamon and blood orange. Translucent in the glass and beautifully perfumed, the 2019 is wonderfully alluring. The 2019 holds significant potential, especially if it comes together a bit more fully in barrel.

McGah Sauvignon Blanc: 91-93

The 2019 Sauvignon Blanc McGah Vineyard offers a compelling balance of fruit intensity and energy. Orchard fruit, lemon confit, tangerine oil, chamomile and bright acids all run through the 2019. This is such a pretty, vibrant wine, but there is plenty of textural richness as well.