

2019 Cuvee le Bec

With a little more Syrah in the blend in the 2019 vintage – 51% Syrah, 38% Grenache, 6% Mourvedre, 5% Counoise – the wine has a darker profile compared to the 2018 vintage. Black and blue fruits, licorice, violets, and pepper aromas lead the way in this outstanding vintage of Cuvee le Bec. A cooler vintage brings some fantastic structure and acidity, where the blackberry, dark cherry, licorice, pepper, and roasted herbs are complex and long on the palate. A terrific follow-up to the incredible 2018 vintage, the 2019 is in the same class and perhaps even a bit higher in quality. Drinking great now, the 2019 Cuvee le Bec will age beautifully over the next 12-15 years.

Wine Enthusiast: 92 Points, Editors' Choice

Reviewed by Matt Kettmann October 2021

"This blend of 51% Syrah, 38% Grenache, 6% Mourvèdre and 5% Counoise by Steve Beckmen starts with aromas of smashed berry, black tea, purple flowers and light cola spice on the nose. The palate is tense and grippy, with cranberry fruit leather, dried hibiscus and brown-spice flavors aligning."

Vinous: 92 Points

Reviewed by Antonio Galloni October 2021

"The 2019 Cuvee le Bec is superb. Ripe red cherry, plum, blood orange, spice and leather all meld together nicely in the glass. This supple, open-knit Syrah-based red delivers the goods, and then some."

Jeb Dunnuck: 90 Points

Reviewed by Jeb Dunnuck August 2021

"Always a good value, the 2019 Cuvee le Bec checks in as 51% Syrah, 38% Grenache, 6% Mourvèdre, and 5% Counoise. It offers lots of up-front darker berry fruits as well as peppery herbs and earthy, meaty nuances to go with a medium-bodied, mouth-filling, chewy, satisfying style on the palate. Drink it over the coming 4-5 years. Maturity 2021-2026."

