



# EHLERS

## ESTATE



Laura Diaz Muñoz

**W**inemaker and Viticulture program at Polytechnic University. Her long and well-traveled career across the globe, including Spain, Chile and New Zealand, led her to Napa Valley 13 years ago, a place that allows a lot more freedom in winemaking than the old-world traditions of Spain. She joined Ehlers Estate in 2018 as Winemaker and General Manager excited to make wine on such a unique property. Her passion for experimenting with winemaking lends well to the Estate where 20 different soil types can be found. Her European roots and devotion to the "sense of place" result in wines that truly show the beauty of Ehlers Estate. After a few years of internal farming, Laura is trusting Michael Wolf's expertise to take our vineyards to the next level.

New York City native, Michael, was first inspired to become involved in agriculture while attending Alfred University in upstate New York. After a ranching position he found his first position working in a vineyard. He launched his own vineyard management company in 1997 and now farms over 500 acres across Napa Valley for some of the Valley's most renowned clients.



**1885** Bernard Ehlers and family arrive from Sacramento to occupy their recently purchased property called Mosed Vine in the Lake District, sold to them by the renowned Alfred Tohlmann, pastor of Grace Episcopal Church in St. Helena. The price was \$7,000 in gold coins.



**1933** On December 6th, the Fifty-four Napa Valley wineries open that very day through 1968, only 26 would remain. Biologists Fred and Mary Donagan (pictured here with their wife, Lena, and Henry Pottini) are colorful figures in the Napa Valley and represent the present day Ehlers Estate from 1922 - 1958, going light in 1933 under the name of The Field Mill Winery.



**1945** Jean and Sylviane Leducq marry on November 26th. Armistice declared, WWII is over. Young Jean makes a deal with the US forces stationed in France to produce 50 tons of laundry per week, entreprenuring the family business.



**1886** The Leducq family starts their linen business in Pantin, just outside of Paris. Over the next 100 years it would grow to be one of the largest in the world. That same year, Bernard Ehlers would put the finishing touches on the stone barn of the present day winery. There are 140 wineries operating in Napa Valley.

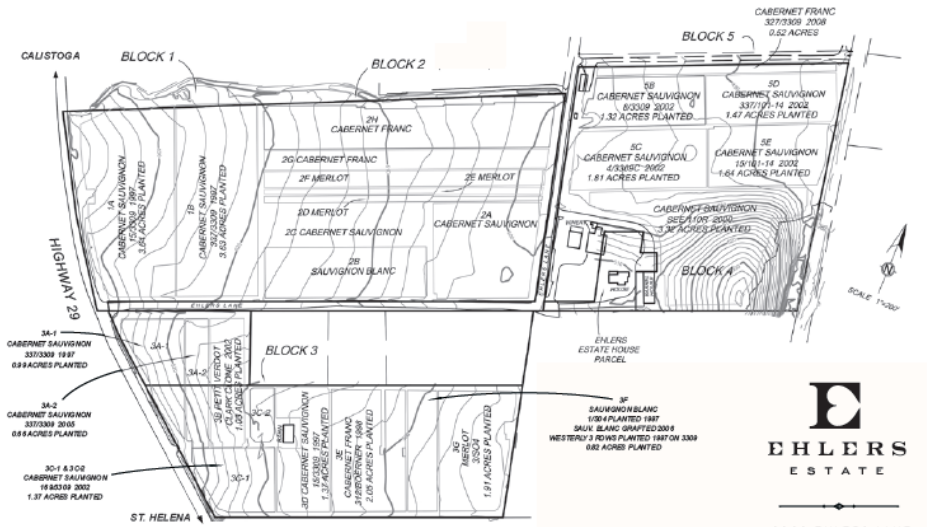


**1987-2001** The Leducq family purchases world-class vineyard land on Ehlers Lane north of St. Helena. They engage French enologist Jacques Boissier and begin re-developing the vineyards to the high-

est standards of close spaced planting. For the first couple of years, the grapes are flown to their winery in Virginia, France. Michel, for processing. As they realize the superior quality of the fruit, they subsequently begin making wine in Napa Valley. In 2001, Jean and Sylviane acquire the old circa 1886 stone winery, historic olive grove, and adjacent vineyards, that resulting the original 42 acres from the land grant of Dr. Bale.



**2010** Winemaker, Laura Diaz Muñoz joins Ehlers Estate to continue the legacy of Jean and Sylviane, producing wine from our 100% organic vineyards. The Leducq Foundation continues to grant millions in cardiovascular and neurovascular research.



ACRES PLANTED	CABERNET SAUVIGNON	2001	VINEYARD BLOCKS	BLOCK 1	CABERNET SAUVIGNON
	CA CABERNET FRANC	4.48	BLOCK 2	SAUVIGNON BLANC	
	MERLOT	3.71	BLOCK 3	CABERNET FRANC	
	PINOT NOIR	1.85	BLOCK 4	MERLOT	
	SAUVIGNON BLANC	2.71	BLOCK 5	PINOT NOIR	
				BLOCK 6	CABERNET SAUVIGNON
				BLOCK 7	CABERNET SAUVIGNON
				BLOCK 8	CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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## 2019 SAUVIGNON BLANC

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**Tasting Notes:** The 2019 Sauvignon Blanc showcases aromas of Meyer lemon zest, peach blossom, and stone fruit. The citrus and vanilla bean notes carry through to the palate, where the vibrant acidity is balanced by a rounded mouthfeel and a white peach finish. This is the first year that Winemaker Laura Díaz Muñoz used a combination of concrete egg, new French oak and stainless steel for the fermentation and aging of the Sauvignon Blanc at Ehlers Estate. The result is outstanding and complex.

**Vintage:** 2019 turned out to be a near perfect vintage. With a cold rainy winter that extended to late spring, we had a couple of weeks delay in flowering and setting. All the work in the vineyard was tricky due to the rains, but a warm, late summer helped us to catch up phenologically. Summer was followed by a cooling trend that allowed us to hang the fruit longer for more flavor and tannin development. Cooler nights and mild temperatures during the day helped to retain acidity and aromas of the fruit.

**Varietal:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Harvest:** August 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Wine Analysis:** 13.2% alcohol • 3.18 pH

**Appellation:** St. Helena, Napa Valley

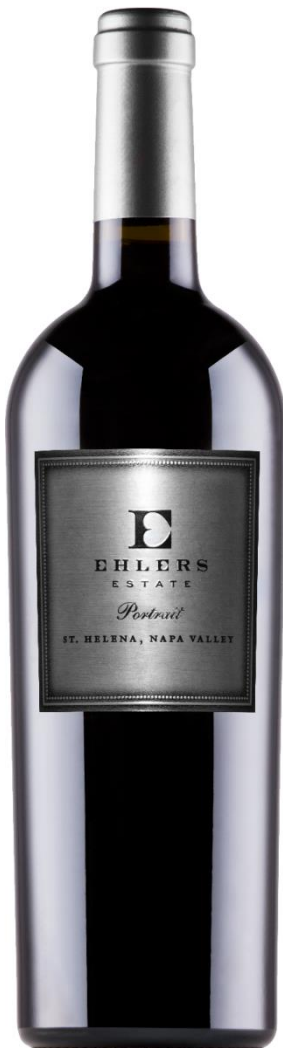
**Bottling Date:** February 11, 2020

**Cases Produced:** 845 cases



## 2016 PORTRAIT

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**Tasting Notes:** This wine represents our Estate as a perfect picture of our vineyards and its soil diversity. That is why we called it Portrait! Each vintage we strive to capture the essence of the diverse soils, varietals and the unique terroir of Ehlers Estate. With a medium to full body and dark red color, it delivers concentrated aromas of ripe red fruit, raspberries, cherries, cassis, and smoky notes. We use only 40% new French oak, allowing the fruit to shine in the blend. Nice structured acidity; the mouth is dense with vibrant and complex flavors of red berries, smoky spices, and dried herbs. This wine has a long finish with dense silky tannins.

**Vintage:** 2016 was considered, for many, a near-perfect vintage in Napa and I couldn't agree more. Weather conditions throughout the year were perfect to achieve beautiful vine growth, proper ripeness, and development of flavors and tannins in the grapes. The season started a little earlier than average years. Mild temperatures during the summer and some warm days in September and October helped to extend the hanging time of the fruit on the vines, allowing for perfect ripeness.

**Varietal:** 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Cabernet Franc, 23% Merlot and 11% Petit Verdot

**Harvest:** September 6 – 30, 2016

**Wine Analysis:** 14.5 % alcohol • 3.48 pH

**Appellation:** St. Helena, Napa Valley

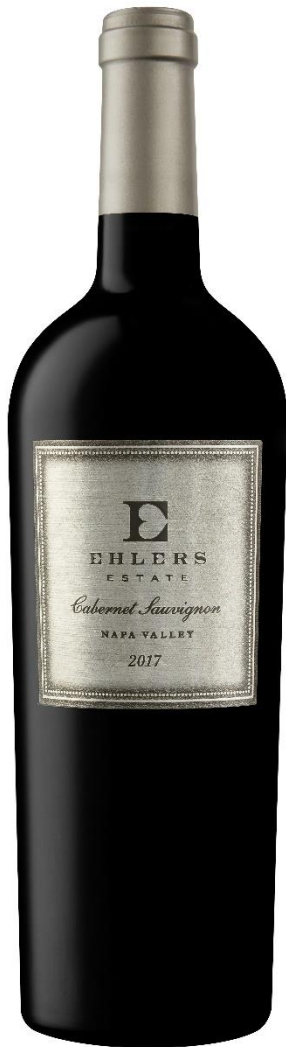
**Bottling Date:** August 20, 2018

**Cases Produced:** 1500 cases



## 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**Tasting Notes:** The 2017 Ehlers Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is one of my favorite Cabernets the past years from Ehlers! Deep garnet-purple layers show in this outstanding blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The wine is very intense in aromas, showing Asian spice mix, violets, dark berry jam, black olives, sweet cherries, sage, and a deep long minerality. 2017 shows a beautiful tannin structure with balanced acidity and an especially long finish, of minerals, cedar, dark chocolate, and wild berries jam. The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon is an outstanding representation of the year and our unique site. Ready to drink now, but it will age extremely well for 10-15 more years.

**Vintage:** 2017 began with abundant rainfall, followed by a mild Spring resulting in extended flowering with little shatter. A Labor Day weekend heatwave kicked harvest into high gear, then cool weather allowed sugar levels to return to normal. By October 4<sup>th</sup>, all our grapes were happily fermenting in tanks, most of them already pressed and in barrels starting malolactic fermentation.

**Varietal:** 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc

**Harvest:** September 11 – October 2, 2017

**Wine Analysis:** 14.5 % alcohol • 3.61 pH

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Bottling Date:** August 20, 2019

**Cases Produced:** 3050 cases



## 2014 1886 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**Tasting Notes:** A full-bodied complex Cabernet Sauvignon, built to last a lifetime. Ripe summer blackberries, sweet leathery tannins, black plums, dark Valrhona chocolate, vanilla bean, and notes of cinnamon. The layers of flavor impressions never stop. Dense and intense with a firm old-world acidity, this wine has a finish of Italian espresso. A classic Ehlers Estate 1886 that will continue to improve for decades.

**Vintage:** 2014 was another great vintage in the Napa Valley. A drought year for sure, but just as the spring rolled in, we received a timely drenching rain that was just what the vines needed to get started. The season took off historically early, the weather was warm and mellow all summer, and we harvested earlier than ever under sunny skies. The fruit was beautiful, the wines are intense, complex, and concentrated.

**Varietal:** 95% Cabernet Sauvignon • 2% Cabernet Franc • 2% Merlot • 1% Petit Verdot

**Harvest:** September 16- October 2, 2014

**Wine Analysis:** 14.2 % alcohol • 3.4 pH

**Appellation:** St. Helena, Napa Valley

**Bottling Date:** August 8, 2016

**Cases Produced:** 2,155 6 pack cases