

2018 NAPA VALLEY / CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Tasting Notes

The 2018 Ehlers' Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is our only non-Estate wine. Approximately 18% of the grapes for this wine were sourced from vineyards in Oakville and Yountville. The wine exhibits dusty aromas of dark and red berries, dry herbs, and spices in deep dark garnet. Black pepper and cedar, with hints of cherries, round out the nose. The first sip is earthy, mineral with pencil shaving and dust. Blueberries and dark chocolate accompany the long after taste. Medium to full-bodied with spices and cedar, boysenberries, and dry herbs like thyme and rosemary. Good tannins and structure. Enjoyable now, it will open up with decanting and will age well for 15-20 more years.

Vintage

2018 was a perfect vintage from a weather standpoint. Cooler nights and mild daytime temperatures in August helped to retain the beautiful natural acidity and delicate flavors and aromas of the fruit. The excellent weather conditions allowed for less irrigation and longer hang time for the grapes. This helped gain more concentration of fruit character in the wine during fermentation. We were able to pick at the perfect time in sugar, flavor, color, and tannin ripeness without losing acidity.

Varietal: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon (18% non Estate) and 14% Cabernet Franc

Harvest: September and October 2018

Wine Analysis: 14.5 % alcohol / 3.69 pH

Oak Aging: 61% New French Oak, 39% used French oak for 22 months

Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley

Bottling Date: August 20, 2020

Cases Produced: 164 cases



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