



2018 AIDA ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Harvest Dates: September 25 – 28, 2018

Barrel Age: 20 months, 75% new French Oak

Cooperage: Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage, Baron, Saury

Bottling Date: June 2, 2020

Alcohol: 14.9%

Release Date: Spring 2021

Cases Produced: 515

Retail Price: \$295 ~ 750ml

THE VINEYARD Our Aida Estate Vineyard has confirmed our initial belief that this site would be the ideal location for growing Bordeaux varietals. Just north of the pinch in the hourglass of the Napa Valley, the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from our Aida Estate provide the bold, structured backbone for this immensely enjoyable wine.

THE VINTAGE The 2018 growing season began with a mild, beautiful spring which extended flowering and provided ideal conditions for berry set, thus yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures were warm and steady throughout the summer, with very few heat spikes or dry wind patterns which were quite impactful during the 2017 growing season. The 2018 harvest began approximately two weeks later than the previous few vintages and it continued until the end of October. There was a minor rain event on October 2nd and 3rd but it did not negatively impact grape quality. It simply provided a break in the harvest as we allowed for a few dry out days before resuming. This long, drawn out, bountiful harvest yielded beautiful, dense, concentrated wines with intense color and a unique freshness to them.

THE WINE Expressive and powerful, the 2018 Aida Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. Aromas of ripe black currants, wild blackberries, sweet chocolate, with hints of spice and minerality lead way to a tremendously rich and juicy entry, beautiful balance and a firm, ripe tannin profile. Intensely concentrated red and black fruits are complimented by the signature crushed rock and earth-driven characters that Aida is known for. Nuances of anise, violets and pencil shavings contribute to the complexity of this special wine. The powerful, super-expressive Aida Estate Cabernet will undoubtedly age for well over two decades.