



2018 CEANDA CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Composition: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot

Harvest Dates: September 13 – October 18, 2018

Barrel Age: 20 months, 70% new, 30% once used thin stave, tight grain French oak barrels

Cooperage: Taransaud, Sylvain, Ermitage, Artisan

Bottling Date: May 13, 2020

Alcohol: 14.7%

pH: 3.75

Release Date: Spring 2021

Cases Produced: 1135

THE VINEYARD The CEANDA Cabernet Sauvignon is a symbolic representation of the passion and dedication that Chuck and Anne McMinn have bestowed upon their prized vineyards. Both a blend of their vineyards, as well as their names, CEANDA stands tall as a beautiful new addition to the Vineyard 29 family.

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 the harvest. This long, drawn out, bountiful harvest yielded beautiful, dense, concentrated wines with intense color and a unique freshness to them.

THE WINE The expressive 2018 CEANDA St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon's bouquet opens elegantly with perfumed wild blackberries, violets and a dusting of cardamom and anise. The entry is full and offers pencil lead, cassis and black currants. Impeccably integrated oak allows the fruit to shine on the palate while lending sinuous structure and weight. Chewy tannins and velvety texture lead way to a supple, juicy finish. CEANDA, a polished blend of our three estate vineyards, is structured to be enjoyed upon release or age gracefully for 15–20 years.