



2018 29 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Composition: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot

Harvest Dates: October 10–18, 2018

Barrel Age: 20 months, 80% new, 100% French oak

Cooperage: Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage, Baron, Sylvain, Saury

Bottling Date: June 12, 2020

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH/TA: 3.78 / 0.57

Release Date: Fall 2021

Cases Produced: 515

THE VINEYARD Our 29 Estate Vineyard sits on a hillside just at the “pinch” of Napa Valley’s hourglass shape. Excellent airflow provides natural frost protection, while the fertile clay loam soils encourage deeply rooted vines, yielding powerfully concentrated cabernet sauvignon tempered by markedly floral, velvet elegance and explosive aromatic.

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 Representing the 27th vintage of cabernet from the 29 Estate, this vineyard never ceases to amaze us each harvest. The 2018 vintage is no exception and introduces itself with explosive notes of blue and black fruits complimented by hints of signature violets and cocoa powder. Rich and decadent upon entry with flavors of chocolate covered blueberries and cassia that guide the way to a seamlessly rich mid palate. Significant in weight but velvet in texture this wine is dark, structured and beautifully graceful. Mouthwatering acidity carries through the seemingly endless finish. This hand selected, meticulously crafted Estate Cabernet is only beginning to show what it is capable of and will continue to evolve over the next 20 years.