

## 2018 PARCHED. NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2018 parched. Cabernet Sauvignon is a Bordeaux blend consisting of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot and 1% Malbec. The fruit for this wine is sourced throughout the Napa Valley with a good mix of mountain fruit along with valley floor fruit. The wine exhibits a dark, inky red color, with notes of black berry and cassis on the nose. Layered well with spice and toasty oak, this medium to full bodied wine will be quite pleasant from the start but will reward short term cellaring.



## **HARVEST NOTES**

The 2018 growing season began with a relatively dry spring and just a bit below normal rainfall over the winter. Budbreak was on time, leading to flowering in late May. The summer didn't see too many heat spikes, but we were treated to cooler than normal mornings, which slowed down the maturation process with the first fruit picked in mid-September. With cooler than normal nights in October, the final pick occurred on October 29<sup>th</sup>...

**Harvest date**: September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Appellation: Napa Valley

Brix at harvest: 25.1 – 26.8

Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry

Fermentation: 14-day ferment

 Aging: 20 months, with 50% new French oak, 50% once used

• Alcohol: 14.5%

• pH: 3.65

• TA: 6.40 g/L

• Bottled: July 2020

• Case production: 405 cases

Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz

Suggested retail: \$40

