

# SEBASTIANI

VINEYARDS & WINERY



2018

GRAVEL BED  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**SONOMA COUNTY**

MARK BEAMAN, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DETAILS

**APPELLATION**

Sonoma County

**COMPOSITION**

88% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
12% Malbec

**COOPERAGE**

16.5 months in 70% new French oak

**ALCOHOL**

14.5%

**TA**

0.66 g/100ml

**pH**

3.48

**BOTTLING DATE**

July 2020

**CASES PRODUCED**

574

**VINEYARDS**

This wine is a terroir driven Cabernet Sauvignon from gravelly, alluvial soils; very much like the gravel beds found from Pauillac in Bordeaux. The majority of this Cabernet Sauvignon came from the Lyon Vineyard, located along the Russian River in northern Alexander Valley. This site has lots of gravel and is grown on a Bordeaux Clone (#337). Our goal with this wine is to showcase not only the best, but our most terroir driven Cabernet.

**VINTAGE**

The 2018 growing season was one of the mildest and smoothest in recent memory. Mild spring weather led to good fruit set in most varieties and moderate weather throughout the year made for ideal growing conditions. There were no major heat spikes, which gave us longer hang-time and great ripening on the vine. While a fairly long harvest, the 2018 crop delivered fruit with complex flavors and was of excellent quality.

**WINEMAKING**

The grapes were destemmed and crushed to tank for a two day cold soak prior to inoculation and a warm ferment to dryness. The wine was pressed off skins with a small amount of press going to tank for settling and then racking to a mixture of barrels and stainless steel tanks for malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged for 16.5 months in 70% new French oak prior to filtration and bottling.

**WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

Our 2018 Gravel Bed Cabernet Sauvignon is a beautiful representation of Sonoma County Cab. Aromas of clove, leather, tobacco and cassis lead to savory tapanade and red fruit flavors on the palate, finishing with bright oak.

- Mark Beaman, *Winemaker*