



2018 “LONE ACRE” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

Kuleto is one of the most complex and diverse wine producing properties in the world. Located in the volcanic mountains of eastern Napa, our estate features vines perched along ridges and clinging to steep hillsides. Our soils, exposures, elevation changes and sub-climates are so complex that we have delineated our property into dozens of micro-blocks. Each of these tiny plots is treated as an individual vineyard with varieties, clones, rootstocks, density, trellising and farming methods tailored specifically to the site.

For winemaker Giovanni Verdejo, there is a mutual understanding that all but a small percentage of the winemaker’s work is done in the vineyard. Keeping the vineyard’s serpentine twists and exposures in mind, the best-suited varieties for each block have been selected. Working with the land, not against it, the individually terraced lots are not oriented to one central direction, but instead are planted to maximize the benefits of their natural location.

WINEMAKER’S NOTES

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.

Wine lots selected for our Lone Acre Cabernet Sauvignon do not necessarily come from a particular spot on the estate (à la Vineyard Designate), but rather share common flavor and structural attributes that highlight the strongest varietal characteristics of Cabernet Sauvignon. Our goal is to create a wine that is a balance of Old and New World in impression i.e., the fruit is deemphasized in the aroma, but the mouth is rich and flavorful without being too heavy. The 2018 vintage of Lone Acre Cabernet Sauvignon possesses a dark garnet color, with a nose showing blueberry and blackberry fruits along with exotic barrel spice. Refreshing acidity, fine-grain tannins, and layered flavors on the palate lead to a lengthy finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal Composition: 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc

Aging: 26 months in 50% new French oak puncheons

Alcohol: 14.9% | pH: 3.80 | TA: 6.60 g/L | Cases Produced: 96