



2018 EL COYOTE 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've 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 varietals 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 varietals 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 and barrels selected for our 'El Coyote' Cabernet Sauvignon don't necessarily come from a particular spot on the estate, but rather share common flavor and structural attributes that highlight the dark, meaty, rich, black fruit aspects of the variety. To further highlight these characters, we often blend with varieties that share these same qualities, such as Syrah.

TASTING NOTES

Deep garnet in color, our 2018 'El Coyote' Cabernet Sauvignon opens with powerful aromas of Briar fruit, dark chocolate and oak spice, with hints of black tea leaves. Upon entry to the palate, this wine displays ripe red berry fruit flavors and plush tannins. A wine of great complexity, with well-integrated acidity and a bold, lingering finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal Composition 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Syrah

Aging 20 months in 50% new French oak

Alcohol 15.2% | pH 3.86 | TA 6.0 g/L

Production 100 cases (12 x 750 mL)

Bottling Date 1/22/21