



2018 MT. GEORGE VINEYARD | COOMBSVILLE

CABERNET FRANC

WINEMAKING

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Franc

HARVEST DATES

September 30 & October 23, 2018

BRIX AT HARVEST

Average 25.2°

MACERATION

Average 15 days

BARREL AGING REGIMEN

Aged 13 months in oak, 40% new oak

New oak profile:

60% Hungarian, 40% French

Overall oak profile:

77% French, 23% Hungarian

PH: 3.62 pH | **TA:** 5.24 g/L | **RS:** 0.03%

ALCOHOL: 15.0%

PRODUCTION

1,283 (9L) cases

WINEMAKERS

Jon Emmerich, Elena Franceschi

HERITAGE

MT. GEORGE (100%) – Located in Coombsville, Mt. George Vineyard is the site of one of the first grape plantings in the Napa valley in the 19th century. Under the care of pioneering Napa vintner, Henry Hagen, the vineyard known then as Cedar Knoll established its reputation in the 1880's as a source for fine American red wines. In 1988, Silverado Vineyards purchased a significant portion of the historic site.

SOILS + CLIMATE

The cooler climate and deep, gravelly soils derived from volcanic rock and ash of the ancient volcano whose name the vineyard now bears, provide depth and structure to Silverado Vineyards' wines.

VINTAGE

February saw abundant rains, with filtered light in spring and early summer. Bud break occurred late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating a plentiful, even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun and cooler marine influences, uninterrupted by major heat spikes. Extended fall sunshine and moderate heat allowed fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.

TASTING NOTES

Herbaceous aromas and flavors of green tobacco, bayleaf and pine. Light florals and hints of raspberry and black cherry pie. Medium-bodied with broad tannins and oak nuances of sweet cedar, tobacco leaf, toasted graham and clove.

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