



2018 NAPA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## WINEMAKING

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot,  
3% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

### HARVEST DATES

September 24 – October 27, 2018

### BRIX AT HARVEST:

Average 24.6°

**MACERATION:** Average 19 days

### BARREL AGING REGIMEN

Aged 17 months in oak, 42% new oak

### New oak profile:

84% French, 13% Hungarian, 3% American

### Overall oak profile:

86% French, 10% Hungarian, 4% American

**PH:** 3.52 pH | **TA:** 5.75 g/L | **RS:** 0.04%

**ALCOHOL:** 14.3%

**PRODUCTION:** 35,648 cases (9L)

**FORMATS:** 375ml, 750ml, 1.5L, 3L, 6L

**SRP:** \$28 (375ml) | \$60 (750ml)

### WINEMAKERS

Jon Emmerich, Elena Franceschi

## HERITAGE

**MT. GEORGE VINEYARD (53%)** – Located east of Napa, Mt. George Vineyard is the site of one of the first grape plantings in the valley in the 19th century. Mt. George produces wines with intense fruit flavors, dark color, palate density, and classic structure.

**SILVERADO VINEYARD (41%)** – Silverado Vineyard is home to the namesake winery. It was on this site that Harry See planted Cabernet Sauvignon in 1968 that UC Davis later designated the Disney-Silverado Heritage Clone.

**OAKVILLE STATION (6%)** – First planted to vines in 1883, this historic site on the western edge of the Oakville bench is now under the guidance of the University of California, Davis; and has played a key role in advancing the quality of California's grape growing.

## SOILS + CLIMATE

The sloping, gravelly soils and sunny exposure of Silverado Vineyard pairs perfectly with western exposures to the late afternoon sun and Mt. George Vineyard's cooler climate and deep volcanic soils provide depth and structure to these 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

Intense aromas of dark cherry and stone fruits. Full-bodied with great structure and balance. Perfectly ripe cherry and plum flavors and hints of apricot and toasted oak lead to a long finish.

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