



2018 CINQ CÉPAGES Sonoma County Red Wine



COMPOSITION

79% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Cabernet Franc
7% Merlot
2% Malbec
2% Petit Verdot

COOPERAGE

Aged 20 months in 100%
French oak (49% new)

ANALYSIS

14.9% Alcohol

VINEYARDS

Cinq Cépages is the flagship wine of Chateau St. Jean. Each year, our winemaker selects fruit from outstanding and proven Bordeaux varietal vineyards to craft a wine that showcases the very best of Sonoma County. The primary grape sources for the 2018 vintage are from some of the finest appellations throughout Sonoma County. The majority is from Sonoma Valley, where cabernet sauvignon from the Monte Rosso and Mountain Terraces vineyards in the Moon Mountain add structure, alongside selections from the valley including Chateau St. Jean Estate Vineyard malbec. The Louvau vineyard in Dry Creek offers merlot with lush juiciness and texture, while the Stuhlmuller Vineyard in Alexander Valley brings fruit with savory, dried herb notes and bright berry flavors.

VINTAGE

A near perfect season, welcomed after several tense vintages, began with abundant February rains followed by drying sun and weather that allowed for even flowering and bud break. The slightly later start was followed by consistently ideal weather, with harvest later in September, resulting in fruit with great flavor and complexity.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Cinq Cépages opens with inviting aromas of cassis, blackberry jam, a touch of dried currants, leather, and soft nutmeg and cardamom spice notes. The palate offers more dark fruits with rich, ripe, jammy fruit, black cherries, plums and cassis and notes of vanilla and maple spice. The wine is well-structured with silky tannins leading to a satisfying finish. Rewarding and ready for enjoyment now, the 2018 vintage will also evolve over time with proper cellaring.

