

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2018 MALBEC

RESERVE

SONOMA COUNTY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

VINEYARDS

Our long history in Sonoma County is reflected here, with each vintage allowing for a blend which is both a tribute to the vintage and the varied growing regions within Sonoma County. Exceptional Reserve lots that showcase the terroir of each region are carefully selected, aged separately and then assembled into a master blend allowed to rest and gain complexity prior to bottling.

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 Reserve Malbec is a bold representation of the Sonoma County AVA. Upon opening, dark, brambly fruit aromas coupled with graphite, spice notes, black licorice, clove, and a hint of violet fill the nose. This wine is full-bodied and richly textured with soft acidity and velvety tannins. Pair with Manchego or blue cheese, smoked duck breast with cherry compote, or braised lamb shank. This wine is expected to continue to develop in bottle for the next 5-7 years with proper cellaring.

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APPELLATION

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VARIETAL

Malbec

TA

5.75

PH

3.75

ALCOHOL

15.0%

