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VALENTINE



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2018 CABERNET  
SAUVIGNON  
NAPA VALLEY

Vineyard

- Locations: Spring Mountain District, Atlas Peak, Fountaingrove District
- 100% mountain grown grapes
- Appellation: Napa Valley
- Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon 89%, Cabernet Franc 3%, Merlot 4%, Malbec 4%

Growing Season

- 2018 was a seamless season of heavenly hangtime and phenomenal phenolic development
- February saw abundant rains, followed by lots of filtered light in spring and early summer. Both bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun during the day and cooler marine influences, virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The relatively mild summer followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near-ideal conditions for us to allow our fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.
- Harvest Brix: 25.5-27.5

Winemaking

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Cold soaked for 48 hours
- Fermented with skins for average of 14 days
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 30% new
- Coopers: Nadalie, Orion, Treuil, Gamba

Tasting Notes

- A distinctive mingling of ripe blueberry, boysenberry, and blackberry fruit aromas are with bright notes of red cherry are layered with cocoa, vanilla and clove leading to cedar with a hint of graphite. Forward and juicy on the palate, the black fruits dominate with notes of black currant and crème de cassis. The bold ripeness of the fruit leads into a rich and textured mid palate where the baking cocoa powder coated tannins turn soft and balanced on the finish.

Cases Produced

- 1800 cases produced

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