



## 2018 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### *Vintage:*

SEAMLESS SEASON MARKED BY OPTIMAL HANGTIMES & EXEMPLARY PHENOLIC DEVELOPMENT. FEBRUARY BROUGHT BOUNTIFUL RAINS, FOLLOWED BY AN ABUNDANCE OF FILTERED LIGHT IN SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER. BUD BREAK AND FLOWERING OCCURRED SLIGHTLY LATER THIS YEAR, BUT UNDER IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS, CREATING PLENTIFUL & EVEN FRUIT SET. SUMMER BROUGHT GENEROUS SUN DURING THE DAY AND COOLER MARINE INFLUENCES, VIRTUALLY UNINTERRUPTED BY MAJOR HEAT SPIKES. A RELATIVELY MILD SUMMER FOLLOWED BY EXTENDED FALL SUNSHINE AND MODERATE HEAT CREATED NEAR-IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR WINEMAKERS TO ALLOW FRUIT TO ACCUMULATE FLAVOR COMPLEXITY WITH GRADUAL INCREASES IN SUGAR LEVELS.

### *Vineyard:*

THE SOMNIUM ESTATE VINEYARD SITS ON THE FLANKS OF HOWELL MOUNTAIN AT 1300 FT AND FACES DIRECTLY WEST AND SOUTHWEST, BENEFITING FROM MAXIMUM SUN EXPOSURE. THE HIGH ELEVATION KEEPS THE ESTATE VINEYARD, ON AVERAGE, 5 DEGREES COOLER THAN THE VALLEY FLOOR, RESULTING IN A STEADY GROWING SEASON. BLOCKS 3, 4, 6 AND 7 WERE BLENDED TOGETHER WITH GRAPES FROM ONE OF THE OLDEST MERLOT VINEYARDS IN COOMBSVILLE (NAPA VALLEY), SITUATED ON A ROCKY HILLSIDE WITH WELL-DRAINED SOIL.

### *Tasting:*

AROMATIC AND FRESH WITH INTENSE BLACKBERRY, BLACK CURRANT AND BLUEBERRY FLAVORS. CHERRY FILLS THE MOUTH, WITH HINTS OF ROSEMARY, SAGE, AND EARTHY NOTES ON THE END PALATE, FOLLOWED BY A SMOOTH SOFT FINISH.

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### *Composition:*

75% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,  
15% MERLOT, 8% CABERNET FRANC,  
2% PETIT VERDOT

### *Bottling:*

320 CASES  
AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2020

### *Barrel Regime:*

20 MONTHS IN 70% NEW FRENCH  
OAK AND 30% ONCE-USED  
FRENCH OAK

### *Aging:*

2020-2027

### *Winemaker:*

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