

Buehler Vineyards 2018 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Our 2018 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from Cabernet Sauvignon grown on our estate hillside vineyards (30%) in conjunction with grapes from other mature, high-quality, low-yielding Napa Valley vineyards located on the valley floor. Comprised of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, the blend produces a wine that displays a broad spectrum of aromas, flavors, and textures that Cabernet can show in the Napa Valley.

Compared with the past several years, the 2018 Napa Valley growing season was notable for its lack of severe weather events. A cool spring and an excellent fruit set made for a later start than the last several harvests; we began picking on September 26th. Moderate temperatures demanded patience and rewarded those winemakers that waited for flavor development by delivering intensely flavored fruit with good natural acidity. Our Cabernet Sauvignon harvest was wrapped up by the end of October.

Following a seven-day fermentation, the wine was transferred to barrels before initiating the malolactic fermentation; keeping the wine “dirty” when young greatly increases the impression of roundness and smoothness in the finished wine. The 2018 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was racked four times in the first year of aging to encourage aromatic and tannin development. It was aged a total of 18 months in a blend of French and American oak barrels.

The wine is brimming with fruit aromas and flavors biased to the black fruit end of the Cabernet spectrum: plums, blackberry, and black currant. Rich and full-bodied on the palate, this Cabernet drinks well on release but will soften and develop with additional age. For those who seek youthful fresh Cabernet fruit aromas and a more structured wine, drink it from 2020 through 2024. If you prefer the less fruity, more developed bottle bouquet aromas and a softer, more velvety wine on the palate, drink it from 2025-2035.

David Cronin
Winemaker

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Appellation	Napa Valley
Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
TA	0.64 g/100 ml
pH	3.60
Alcohol	14.7% vol
Production	15,000 cases
Suggested retail	\$35.00

Our 90+ Napa Valley 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon



93 POINTS

VINOUS

2018

Napa Valley
Cabernet Sauvignon

92 POINTS

JAMES SUCKLING

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90 POINTS

Wine Spectator

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