



## 2018 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

### Varietal Composition:

96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petite Verdot

### Aging:

19 Months in 50% New French Oak

### Production:

325 Cases

*93 Points James Suckling* Blackcurrant, clove, orange peel and tobacco leaf on the nose. It's full-bodied and polished with integrated vanilla and walnut flavors, too. Firm, smooth tannins frame the solid core of dark fruit. Powerful. Try from 2023

*91 Points Decanter*, A blend of Rutherford, Pritchard Hill and Howell Mountain fruit. More pure and natural on the nose than the Stagecoach bottling, with a fleshy, rich palate. The finish combines juicy purple fruits with dusty tannins, and is an accurate rendition of a modern, flashy style of Napa Cabernet.

### Vineyards:

Our 2018 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is blend of the cabernet vineyards that we sourced fruit from in 2018. Wine from Rutherford, Stagecoach Vineyard and a vineyard at the base of Howell Mountain are all represented in the final blend.

### Winemaking:

The hand-picked fruit was destemmed, sorted and moved to a combination of closed top stainless tanks and new 60-gallon French oak barrels for fermentation. After a 5-day cold soak the must was inoculated. The wine stayed on its skins for an average of 21 days before being pressed at dryness. Barrels were tasted and selected for our Napa Valley AVA designation.

### Technical Data:

pH: 3.60n

TA: 6.3 g/L

Alc: 14.9%

**Winemaker:** Casey Stringer

