



2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - MOUNT VEEDER



VINTAGE

2018

APPELLATION

Mt Veeder, Napa Valley

FERMENTATION

Optical berry sorted to tank Cold Soaked 5 days, for a total of 24 days macerating on the skins prior to gentle bladder pressing.

ALCOHOL

14.7%

COOPERAGES

Mainly: Fouquet, Taransaud, Vicard

AGING

20 months in 100% French Oak
80% new - 20% well seasoned

VARIETALS

100% Cabernet Sauvignon
100% Mt Veeder
100% Napa Valley

PH: 3.7 **TA:** 5.8 g/l

CASES PRODUCED

240

PRICE

\$79

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

Our winemaker, Brian Graham, believes that the vineyard is absolutely the most critical factor when creating a wine. As he states, "For me, it's the vineyard that creates the quality and uniqueness of a wine. Truly, it's all about the vineyards."

Situated at elevations as high as 2200 ft. on hillsides with up to 30% slopes, this Mt. Veeder vineyard is situated perfectly for small-berried Cabernet Sauvignon. Sandstone and shale soils derived from old sea floor, accompany a small amount of volcanic soil on the southwestern side of the appellation. These two soil types, combined with a cool breeze, allows the grapes to mature fully without sun damage. This creates the perfect environment for the development of intense and textured flavor qualities that are most prized in classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon fruit.

After an early morning hand harvest, the grapes were de-stemmed, optically sorted and transferred into a stainless-steel tank. There they rested and soaked for a five-day period. The process continued with a warm fermentation and extended maceration for an additional 19 days. Finally, the wine was aged in French oak barrels; 80% new; for 20 months without fining.

WINEMAKER NOTES

A dark vibrant garnet color showcases this perfect vineyard. On the nose, the aromas of black cherry and currant dominate along with hints of forest floor and dried tobacco. On the palate, a seamless transition from the aromatics delivers a richly layered texture of moderate and bold tannins with flavors of blackberry, black cherry, bay leaf, bramble berry and cherry tobacco with a silky but assertive, finely textured finish. This wine can be enjoyed now and is built for cellar worthy aging of 10+ years.