



# *Girard*

## 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON DIAMOND MOUNTAIN

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage proved nearly ideal. Ample winter rains were followed by lots of spring and early summer sunshine. Bud break and flowering were slightly later than usual but coincided with ideal weather conditions for healthy fruit set. The mild summer was followed by an equally ideal fall; allowing fruit to ripen with ample flavor and complexity with moderate sugar levels. Fermentation temperatures were kept deliberately low to retain fresh fruit flavors and color extraction. Carefully selected French oak barrels rounded out the élevage (or barrel aging) process, ensuring a wine rich character and complexity.

### VINEYARD NOTES

Our 2018 Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced entirely from a vineyard renowned for its volcanic and porous soils with moderate overall temperatures, and ideal conditions for creating a bold, full-flavored wine.

### TASTING NOTES

The nose is densely layered with aromas of bramble fruit, black cherry and dried herbs and graphite. The palate unfolds with swirling flavors of blackberry, black currant, and vanilla, leading to a finish that is marked by both crushed-rock-like minerality and ripe fine-grained tannins, with a hint of baking spice for good measure.

### ABOUT THIS WINE

Napa Valley has become the country's most respected region for Cabernet. Diamond Mountain is a region that has garnered a great deal of respect for Cabernet. In optimal vintages, since 2005, we've sourced Cabernet Sauvignon from this prestigious appellation and designated a small amount of it for this bottling.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION Diamond Mountain, Napa Valley | OAK AGING 22 months in French oak, 65% new

ALCOHOL 14.9% | pH 3.61 | TA 6.5 g/L | RS .9 g/L | PRODUCTION 151 cases