



*Girard*

**2018 MIXED BLACKS**  
NAPA VALLEY

**VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2018 vintage proved nearly ideal with even ripening and a long, evenly paced harvest. Yields were slightly below average and grape quality was quite high.

**VINEYARD NOTES**

The fruit for this wine was sourced from the Godward Vineyard in Calistoga, from century old head-pruned vines. These inter-planted different grape varieties, dating to the turn of the century, make this vineyard uniquely “low-tech” or “throwback” style of farming and is increasingly rare. We bottle this wine as a nod to California’s wine growing heritage, and the field blends it first produced.

**TASTING NOTES**

An inky dark gem in the glass, this wine exudes aromas of ripe boysenberry, red plum and anise. On the lithe palate, flavors of blackberry jam, brioche, blood orange and cranberry intermingle with delicate oak-derived flavors of vanilla and spice. Velvety tannins and minerality come together for a pleasant and firm finish.

**ABOUT THIS WINE**

The Mixed Blacks vineyard, planted in Calistoga over 100 years ago. When immigrants first settled here, they brought with them vine cuttings from their villages and planted what would later become known as “field blends”. These vineyards with humble origins produced wines which were to be shared among family and traded with neighbors as a part of a life well-lived. We are proud to continue the tradition and offer this wine as a nod to the farmers who settled in wine country.

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION** Field Blend believed to include Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Syrah, Grenache, and Mourvèdre  
**APPELLATION** Napa Valley | **AGING** 16 months in Fusion barrels comprised of French, American and Hungarian oak, 45% new  
**ALCOHOL** 15% | **TA** 6.2 g/L | **pH** 3.55 | **RS** 1.6 g/L | **PRODUCTION** 200 cases