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2018 MOUNTAIN CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

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 Mountain Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon blend is our opportunity to showcase the varied mountain sources located within Napa Valley that make it such a unique growing region. Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were sourced from Diamond Mountain, Mt. Veeder, Atlas Peak, and Howell Mountain AVAs, while the Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc came from Spring Mountain and Malbec from Diamond Mountain. Combined, these varieties and vineyards bring depth and complexity to this singular expression of Napa's finest Mountain appellations.

TASTING NOTES

Inky ruby color in the glass, this Mountain grown Cabernet Sauvignon reveals aromas of brooding black fruit, dried herbs, and graphite. Full-bodied and juicy on the palate, flavors of red raspberry jam, blackberry and plum mingle with baking spices, mocha, and vanilla scented oak influences, while the long finish is punctuated by bold, velvety tannins.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec

APPELLATION Napa Valley | **AGING** 20 months in French oak, 65% new

ALCOHOL 14.9% | **pH** 3.61 | **TA** 6.3 g/L | **RS** 1.01 g/L | **PRODUCTION** 143 cases