



# Girard

## 2018 OLD VINE VALDIGUIÉ CALISTOGA, 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

Our Old Vine Valdiguié is sourced from the Greenwood Vineyard located just five minutes north of our Calistoga winery. The vines were planted in the 1960s and today may be one of the only (or last) Valdiguié vineyards in the Napa Valley.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine is endowed with lively red fruit aromas of strawberry, raspberry and cranberry with dusty earth and mineral aromas. The palate (not dissimilar from a Pinot Noir) is lighter with softer tannins, and refreshing red fruit flavors leading to a luxurious though not overpowering finish.

### ABOUT THIS WINE

Valdiguié is a red wine grape grown in the Languedoc-Roussillon region of southern France, although this bottling is decidedly Californian in expression. The wine was aged on lees for 10 months in a combination of Pinot and Rhône designated French oak. We employed non-interventionist winemaking and bottled this wine without filtration retaining the heart of the vineyard's nature. Because it did not have our typical 14-20 months of aging and settling, lees sediment collects in the bottle. While perfectly natural, the organic material will settle if the bottle is turned upright for a few hours prior to serving. The wine is delicious now, and Winemaker, Glenn Hugo is confident it will age gracefully too. The century old vines have low yields although some of Valdiguié's charms come from the vine's tolerance to powdery mildew and its propensity to bear strong yields. Valdiguié wines are typically low in alcohol with strong fruity flavors.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Valdiguié

APPELLATION Napa Valley | OAK AGING 10 months in French oak, *sur lie*

ALCOHOL 13.1% | pH 3.48 | TA 6.4 g/L | RESIDUAL SUGAR 1.1 g/L | PRODUCTION 99 cases