

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

1 ½ ACRE

NAPA VALLEY RED WINE 2018



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Malbec, 9% Petit Verdot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 3% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.73

TA: 5.8 g/L

Aging: 20 months in 95% French Oak, 48% new French oak

Production: 56 cases

IN THE VINEYARD

2018 was our fourth harvest of our meter by meter planting at Raymond Vineyards. Our estate is planted to all five varietals of a classic Bordeaux blend and designed to be the truest expression of terroir from our certified organic and Biodynamic® vineyard. Harvested on October 16, a fruit day in accordance with the Biodynamic calendar, the grapes were in their optimal state for the wine to realize its full potential.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2018 was a near picture-perfect growing season that began in late February followed by a mild Spring yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained moderate to cool throughout the season with 2018 being considered one of the coolest vintages of the past decade. The cooler temperatures allowed for a longer hangtime resulting in an even and temperate harvest.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

This vintage contains all five planted varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. The organic grapes were co-fermented and underwent an extended maceration for 49 days before for 20 months. Half of the blend was aged in new French oak using La Grange “PHI” barrels and the remainder was aged in neutral clay amphorae.

WINE PROFILE

Made from organic and biodynamically grown estate fruit, the 2018 1 ½ Acre Red is medium to rich, dark garnet-purple in color. It leaps out of the glass with convivial notions of warm blackcurrants, ripe black plums, rose oil, with delicate hints of chocolate, cloves and unsmoked cigars. Rich, full-bodied and sumptuous, it has a dazzling silky texture and just enough freshness supporting the extravagant fruit, with a long and perfumed finish.