



# FOUNDER'S

TRADE 18 RANCH 75 MARK

NAPA VALLEY CALIFORNIA

*Cabernet Sauvignon*

No

2018

VINTAGE

## 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.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The grapes for this 2018 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested from vineyards across Napa Valley including those planted on the valley floor in St. Helena and Rutherford. Picked in the early morning hours to maintain freshness the grapes went through extended maceration. The wine was aged for 16 months in neutral Ermitage and Demptos French oak barrels before being bottled.

## TASTING NOTES

A deep purple in color, this 2018 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon opens with subtle aromas of blackberry, baked plum, mulberry, black pepper and a ribbon of black tea. The full-bodied palate is full of dark fruit flavors with notes of toasted almonds and spice box with fine-grained tannins. The richly textured finish is long and persistent.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

**VARIETALS:** 94% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
4% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc

**APPELLATION:**  
Napa Valley

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**pH:** 3.70

**TA:** 5.8 g/L

**Aging:** neutral French oak

**Months in Barrel:** 16