



WAPPO HILL

—|| PINNACLE OF NAPA VALLEY ||—

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

2018 VINTAGE

Wappo Hill is the spiritual center of Napa Valley; the highest point on the valley floor and the pinnacle of 4,000 years of civilization. Its mystical location was the apex of the Wappo land. The Wappo name honors the bravery, strength and wisdom of the founding people of Napa. The hill rises 666 feet, providing the Wappo a strategic perspective onto their cherished valley, with views from the San Pablo Bay to Mt. St. Helena. It was there they surveyed the map of Napa Valley that bore the Wappo name.

We created a Cabernet Sauvignon that honors the Wappo tradition, that encapsulates the mystical power of the place and the spiritual energy of their ancestral land. Wisdom and elegance united in strength... This is Wappo Hill Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

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:

Harvested in the early morning hours between October 14 and October 29, the grapes are from two vineyards located on the eastern side of Napa Valley. The majority of the grapes are from a single vineyard located in the northeastern part of Yountville off State Lane which brings bright fruit flavors and a good textural component to the wine. The balance of the fruit is from a vineyard located in the Stag's Leap AVA, just south of Wappo Hill, which imparts good tannin structure and intense, concentrated flavors. These two vineyards, when blended together, create a true reflection of the terroir at Wappo Hill and its position within Napa Valley. The result is a Cabernet Sauvignon of great distinction and finesse. The grapes went through extended maceration before aging for 20 months in small French oak barrels, 25% new before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on September 4, 2020.

TASTING NOTE:

A deep-garnet purple in the glass, this 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon greets the nose with savory aromas of baked berries, crème de cassis and dried flowers. The plush mouthfeel has expressive dark fruit flavors that are complemented by a touch of spice and cinnamon. Full-bodied with fine-grained tannins and balanced acidity, the bold and lingering finish is layered with notes of earthiness.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:
Napa Valley

ALCOHOL: 15.0%

pH: 3.85

TA: 5.9

AGING:
20 months in 25% new French oak

PRODUCTION:
32 cases bottled unfiltered and unfiltered