NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2018 NAPA VALLEY
~ *reserve* ~
RED WINE

2018 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

Harvested between September 25 and November 8, 2018, the grapes are the perfect blend of eight vineyards throughout Napa Valley. The Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc grapes were picked from select vineyards in St. Helena providing the wine with power and a good midpalate respectively. The Malbec grapes, which are from Rutherford, lend a nice spice characterisitc to the wine. The grapes went through extended maceration with an average of 38 days on the skins before being aged in 16% new French oak barrels for 19 months before being bottled unfiltered.

This 2018 Napa Valley Red Wine offers beautiful notes of blackcurrants, dried flowers and baking spices. Flavors of a baked blackberry pie, cassis and leafy herbs coat the palate with nuances of licorice. This is a balanced wine with finely-grained tannins and a charming and velvety finish.

APPELLATION | Napa Valley
ALCOHOL | 14.5%
AGING | 19 months in 16% new French oak
PH | 3.71
TA | 6.3 g/L
VARIETALS | 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Petit Verdot, 9% Malbec, 9% Petite Sirah, 3% Cabernet Franc

THE DRESS CODE IS VELVET.

The velvet label symbolizes the texture, emotion, and feeling in the wine, the dynamic legacy of the Raymond family, and a vibrant vision of our future.

90 *points*	90 *points*	90 *points*	90 *points*
WINE ADVOCATE	JEB DUNNUCK	WINE SPECTATOR	WINE ENTHUSIAST
2017 VINTAGE	2017 VINTAGE	2016 VINTAGE	2016 VINTAGE

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