



#### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETALS:  
87% Syrah, 10% Viognier, 3%  
Malbec

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.69

TA: 6.4 g/L

AGING: 18 months in 14% new  
French oak

BOTTLED: July 6, 2020  
unfined and unfiltered



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Raymond

## SMALL LOT COLLECTION

NAPA VALLEY SYRAH

2018

### 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.

### IN THE VINEYARD

Our Small Lot Collection Syrah grapes come from a single vineyard in the Oak Knoll AVA. The vines are planted to Fagan clay loam formed from shale and sandstone. The vineyard sits at 350 feet on a western facing hillside location which allows the Syrah to become ripe without over ripening.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes, all varietals, were picked in the cool morning hours on September 28, 2018 before being co-fermented and the grapes were left on their skins 25 days to preserve freshness. The wine was aged in small Sequin Moreau French oak barrels, 14% new, for 18 months.

### WINE PROFILE

The 2018 Small Lot Napa Valley Syrah is a beautiful dark ruby red color in the glass. Enticing aromas of dark fruits, hazelnut and a touch of oak waft from the glass. Bold flavors of baked plum, warm blueberry pie and baking spice coat the palate. The rich, well-rounded mouthfeel leads to a lingering finish.

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