



## BRIDLEWOOD® 2018 HAPPY CANYON RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Hailing from the premier regions of California's Central Coast, Bridlewood wines are handcrafted with care and passion. Bridlewood Estate Winery embodies the diverse sub-appellations and varietals of the vast Central Coast, inspired by the spirit of California's relaxed way of life.

### ABOUT THE WINE:

Our 2018 Bridlewood Happy Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon is a dry, medium-full bodied Cab with taut tannins and deft crystalline minerality. Rich layers of blackberry and black currant open to aromas of sarsaparilla, slivered shale and wild sage. While the aromas give our Cab a ruggedness that carries through to the finish, the tannins and hints of new saddle leather add refinement. Winemaker Jane Dunkley describes this wine as "a California nose with a French body." Age this Cabernet as long as you'd like to soften the tannins and enhance the leather characteristics. Or enjoy now for chewy tannins and a touch of candied blackberry. Our Cab is a natural with steak and pomme frites seasoned with dried sage, thyme and bayleaf or with cream of mushroom soup.

### VITICULTURE NOTES:

The warm climate, marine influence and mineral-rich soil of the Happy Canyon AVA create ideal conditions for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. Cool temperatures stayed consistent through the 2018 growing season, with some heat in July. Despite elevated temperatures, the 2018 harvest had the latest start in seven years with yields in line with previous vintages. Overall, the fruit is showing excellent quality, concentrated acidity and deep flavor.

### WINEMAKING NOTES:

We hand-harvested in the cool of dawn on November 12, then destemmed and lightly crushed the grapes into open-top tanks. They were then cold soaked for 5 days prior to being inoculated with a yeast to enhance the fruit from this special place. After 14 days on skins, the wine was drained and pressed to ensure optimal extraction of color and flavor. We then racked the wine into French oak barrels (50% new). After 21 months *élevage*, we carefully selected individual barrels to create the final blend.



<b>Varietal Content:</b>	91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Sirah
<b>Appellation:</b>	Happy Canyon AVA, Santa Barbara County
<b>Alcohol Level:</b>	14.5%
<b>Titrateable Acidity:</b>	6.4g/L
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	0.6g/L
<b>pH:</b>	3.62

