

GARDEN CREEK

ALEXANDER VALLEY

2018 Garden Creek Tesserae, Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Assemblage Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

CASES MADE
687 / 750ml

RELEASE DATE
August 2025

WINEMAKERS
Karin and Justin
Warnelius-Miller

Tasting Notes

The 2018 vintage is deeply colored with vibrant aromatics. Notes of ripe blackberries and cassis with subtle notes of sweet tobacco and spice. Black and red fruits coalesce with its intense floral perfume. Cassis and black cherry are lifted with bright notes of hibiscus and blood orange. Silky, unctuous tannins glide across the palate with a velvety mouthfeel. A voluminous, floating texture gives the sensation of fullness and polish. As this vintage opens, her well-defined, firm tannins evolve into a very full, velvety texture.

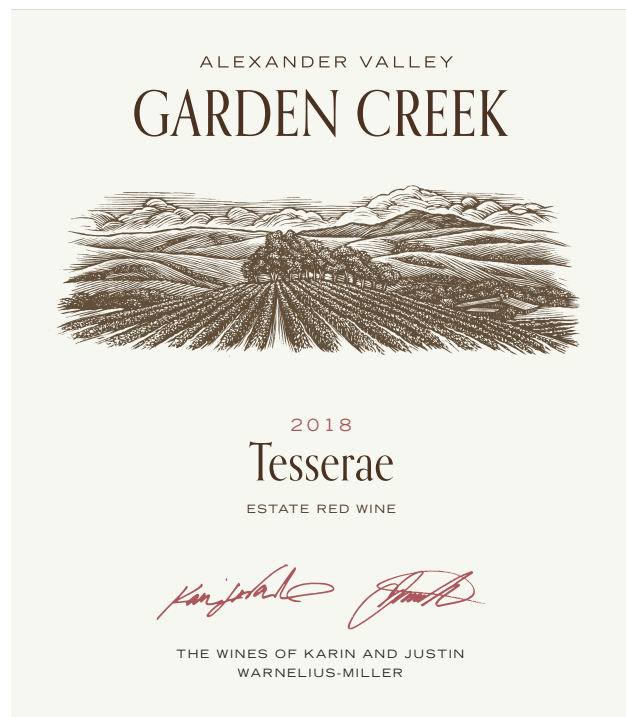
Vintage

2018 was a mild year overall. The dormant season of winter, however, began with an unusually dry spell. Half of the rain we received did not arrive until after March 1st. A modest 20 inches in total, below our average. By mid-April, the rains ceased and a healthy season in the vineyard unfolded. Perhaps the biggest challenge to the entire season was the wild grasses in the vineyard, a sign of the healthy soils. Weather in May was cool, giving us moderate growth of the vines. It was a long moderate growing season for exceptional fruit set and density in flavor and texture. As the long days continued of temperate warmth, harvest began the 23rd of October.

Vineyard

Old vines planted by our family in 1969 on hillside elevations up to 680 feet (207 meters) of 22 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 12 acres of Merlot, 1 acre each of Malbec and Cabernet Franc, 3.5 acres of Petit Verdot. Vine spacing is 6x8 feet with well drained volcanic and alluvial soils comprised of nine soils variations allowing for individual lot fermentations by varietal, clone and soil type.

Serve at 55° or warmer allowing the natural flavors and texture to appear.



ASSEMBLAGE

75% Cabernet Sauvignon
9% Merlot 5% Cabernet
Franc 5% Malbec,
6% Petit Verdot

APPELLATION

Alexander Valley
Sonoma County

VINEYARDS

100% Estate Grown

CLONES

Cab Sauv 7, Merlot 314,
Cab Franc 332, Malbec 595,
Petit Verdot 400

SITE

Hillside Vineyards

ELEVATION

425 - 680 Feet

SOIL | 9 Variations

Alluvial, Volcanic,
Franciscan Complex

MATURITY

2025 thru 2045

HARVEST DATES

October 23-27, 2018
Lot by Lot Handpicking

FERMENTATION

Lots Kept Separate By
Clone and Soil
Selection
Indigenous Yeast
Stainless and Concrete
Vessel Fermentations

BARREL AGING

French Bordeaux
Château Tonnelleries
New 48% Used 52%
22 Months Cellar Aging

FINAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.2%

DATE BOTTLED

July 23, 2020

VINEYARD PLANTED

1969