

# 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.

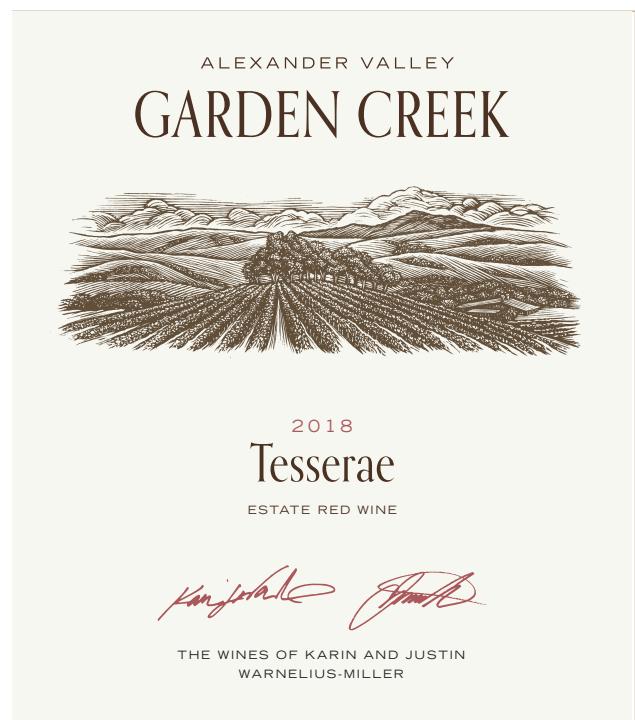
### Vintage

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	MATURITY
75% Cabernet Sauvignon 9% Merlot 5% Cabernet Franc 5% Malbec, 6% Petit Verdot	2025 thru 2045
HARVEST DATES	October 23-27, 2018
	Lot by Lot Handpicking
APPELLATION	FERMENTATION
Alexander Valley Sonoma County	Lots Kept Separate By Clone and Soil Selection
VINEYARDS	Indigenous Yeast Stainless and Concrete Vessel Fermentations
100% Estate Grown	
CLONES	
Cab Sauv 7, Merlot 314, Cab Franc 332, Malbec 595, Petit Verdot 400	BARREL AGING
	French Bordeaux Château Tonnerries
SITE	New 48% Used 52%
Hillside Vineyards	22 Months Cellar Aging
ELEVATION	FINAL ANALYSIS
425 - 680 Feet	Alcohol 14.2%
SOIL   9 Variations Alluvial, Volcanic, Franciscan Complex	DATE BOTTLED
	July 23, 2020
	VINEYARD PLANTED
	1969