



HILL FAMILY
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2018 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 1,524 cases

Composition: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Malbec, 6% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Syrah

Vineyards: Baker, Beau Terre, Beau Terroir, Windy Flats, Clarke, Hansen and Villagio

Cooperage: 18 months in 24% new oak as follows: 3% American (Canton Grand Cru), 21% new French Oak (Remond, Treuil, Nadalier, and Orion)

Alcohol: 14.8%, TA 6.0, pH 3.73

Bottling date: June 8, 2020

Release date: Fall 2020

Release price: \$60.00

The 2018 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is carefully blended to give power and balance. We appreciate the opportunity to use high elevations (Baker Vineyard in Atlas Peak is at 1,200 ft.) with their intense tannins and color, then blend and civilize them with vineyards from the valley floor and cooler areas. Windy Flats is on the western foothills in Wooden Valley, and Beau Terroir is in the Carneros foothills. Beau Terre, Hansen, and Villagio are on the valley floor. The Malbec and Merlot elevate the nose and display the fruit and oak spice, and Syrah adds density without astringency.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2018 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of black currant, black cherry, violets, vanilla and pie spice. The palate is rich, with flavors of blackberry, hazelnut, raspberry and mocha. This wine has tremendous viscosity for being so young and has a lot of room to grow and integrate all the flavors.