

2018 ESTATE CABERNET FRANC
 HIRONDELLE VINEYARD
 STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY



APPELLATION:	Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
VINEYARD:	Hirondelle Estate
COMPOSITION:	80% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon
FERMENTATION:	Stainless steel tanks with 2-3 daily pump overs
AGING:	66% new oak (53% French, 13% Hungarian)
ACID:	6.4 g/L
pH:	3.6
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
HARVESTED:	October 11 - 18, 2018
BOTTLED:	August 25, 2020

WINEMAKER'S INSIGHT
 Beautiful aromas of blackcurrant, cocoa, spice, and dried herbs leap from the glass in this rich and complex Cabernet Franc. On the palate, earthy tones and silky tannins lead to a smooth and savory finish.

HARVEST
 2018 was a mild year with average temperatures below normal, providing a warm and extended growing season without the heat spikes we have experienced in recent years. The fruit was able to naturally mature all the way to November in some blocks, resulting in rich and beautifully balanced wines.

HISTORY
 Clos du Val, French for “small vineyard estate of a small valley,” was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District. The winery was first recognized for its Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley’s most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos du Val farms two estate vineyards in the Stags Leap District and Yountville appellations and continues to craft wines of balance and complexity, showcasing the fruit from the outstanding terroir on which our estate lies.