

# 2018 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## NAPA VALLEY



APPELLATION:	Napa Valley
COMPOSITION:	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec
FERMENTATION:	Stainless steel tanks with 2-3 daily pumpovers
AGING:	19 months in 58% new oak (50% French, 5% Hungarian, 3% American)
ACID:	6.5 g/L
pH:	3.6
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
HARVESTED:	October 8 - 26, 2018
BOTTLING:	June 18, 2020

**WINEMAKER'S INSIGHT**  
Opening with fresh aromas of blueberry and black cherry, this classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon showcases plush tannins and a rich, velvety mouthfeel. Vibrant flavors of blackberry, plum, and toasty oak are followed by a long, smooth 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 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing Clos du Val 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 age-worthy wines of balance, elegance, and complexity.