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VINTAGE: 2018

VARIETAL: 87% Cabernet Sauvignon,

13% Malbec

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

AGING: 19 months in 100% new

French oak

PRODUCTION: 173 cases

NOTES:

The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is a powerful, heady wine. A healthy dollop of Malbec (13%) adds notable fruit intensity. Raspberry jam, cinnamon and rose petal all flesh out in this sumptuous, racy Cabernet. Silky tannins add to its considerable immediacy and overall appeal.

VINIFICATION:

Arriving in small picking lugs from the vineyards, the clusters were hand sorted, de-stemmed and hand sorted again, berry by berry. A two-day cold soak was followed by primary fermentation in small, open-top stainless-steel tanks. Following an extended maceration, the fruit was gently pressed and the wine moved to barrel for secondary fermentation. The wine aged for 19 months in rare 100% new French artisan oak barrels with minimal racking. Multiple blending trials determined the final blend, which we bottled unfined and unfiltered.

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