2018 BEAR TRACK VINEYARD
Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION
Bear Track Vineyard is planted in three terraced blocks on the eastern hillsides of Napa Valley, just outside of the Howell Mountain AVA. The cool climate and iron-rich, volcanic ash soils result in small, tight clusters of concentrated fruit. A mple hang time before harvest yields a Cabernet Sauvignon with intense, dark fruit flavors and integrated tannins.

HARVEST NOTES
The 2018 growing season kicked off in late February and eased into a mild spring that gave us extended flowering and uniform clusters throughout the vineyard. Summer continued with an even trend, with consistent temperatures allowing fruit to have beautiful, extended hang time. With no heat spikes and we were able to wait patiently for every cluster to achieve perfect phenolic maturity. A no rush approach to harvest allowed fruit to develop beautifully on the vine and the Cabernet came into the winery with mature tannins, great acidity and perfect ripeness.

SENSORY EVALUATION
Our debut vintage from Bear Track Vineyard delivers a wine perfumed with elegant rose petal, blueberry, blackberry and black cassis notes. On the palate, the same elegant floral and fruit notes are found, in tandem with savory elements such as sage and black olive tapenade. This spectacular hillside wine is certain to age with grace over the next several years.

APPETUALION
Napa Valley

VARIETAL
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING
French oak barrels
(50% new, 50% once-used)

TIME
18 months

FIRST VINTAGE
2017

 RELEASE DATE
September 2020

HARVEST DATE
September 27 - October 10, 2018

SKIN CONTACT
10 days