



2018 DOGLEG VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Named for the vineyard's distinct shape, which resembles a dogleg left golf hole, this eastern St. Helena site is planted along the historic Silverado Trail. Dogleg Vineyard is treasured among winemakers for its mosaic of alluvial soils, ample sunshine and cool nights. Soil and climate diversity yields a plush Cabernet Sauvignon with distinctive red fruit flavors and a long, melting finish.

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. Without heat spikes, we were able to wait patiently for every cluster to achieve perfect phenolic maturity. We started picking on October 1, and finished on October 9. This no rush approach 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 2018 Dogleg Vineyard Cabernet opens with tantalizing aromas of red and blue fruit with hints of wet stone and graphite. Loaded with flavors of plum and red currant from the start, a slight minerality further lifts to a firmly-structured midpalate, and an elegantly long finish.

APPELLATION

St. Helena, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

September 2020

HARVEST DATE

October 1-9, 2018

SKIN CONTACT

12 days

TIME

18 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2018