



2018 QUICKSILVER VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The Quicksilver Vineyard lies on the western Rutherford bench, in the acclaimed area on Bella Oaks Lane. The soils are predominantly well drained loams that produce vines of moderate size. These older vines were planted to the California sprawl system, with wider spacing and a divided canopy, giving great exposure to the fruit. Minimal irrigation is needed to obtain maximum fruit potential.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2018 growing season kicked off in late February and eased into a mild spring gave us extended flowering throughout the vineyard, with uniform clusters. Summer continued this no drama trend, with consistent temperatures allowing fruit to have beautiful, extended hang time. With no major heat spikes, we were able to patiently wait for every cluster to achieve perfect phenolic maturity. Starting on October 5 and working through November 1, we picked each block exactly when it was ready, and this Rutherford site's mix of old and young vines gave us a beautiful blend of complex, concentrated clusters and youthful, lifted fruit.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Graceful aromas of mixed red berry, violet and green tea envelop the senses before opening onto the most round, inviting palate. Lush raspberry flavors are lifted by vibrant acidity and restrained, refined oak. Tannins are supple, allowing ripe berry flavors along with soft floral and dust accents to shine all the way through to the lingering finish.

APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES

October 25–November 1, 2018

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

SKIN CONTACT

16 days

AGING

French oak barrels
(47% new, 53% once-used)

TIME

18 months

RELEASE DATE

September 2020

FIRST VINTAGE

2012