



2018 VACA VISTA VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Vaca Vista Vineyard sits upon the valley floor in the Oak Knoll District and is our debut Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard in the appellation, set against a scenic backdrop of the Vaca Mountains to the east. The vineyard's well-drained, gravelly soils and moderate climate provide even ripening, resulting in this structured and polished Cabernet Sauvignon.

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 this no drama trend, with consistent temperatures allowing fruit to have beautiful, extended hang time. We saw zero heat spikes and because we never had to rush, this was the rare vineyard in which full phenolic maturity happened all at once. We picked the entire vineyard on October 20, and the Cabernet that came into the winery was exceptional, with mature tannins, great acidity and mouthwatering, just-right ripeness.

SENSORY EVALUATION

An absolute crowd pleaser, this Oak Knoll District Cabernet has expressive red currant and floral aromas and pure red fruit flavors. Soft and silky throughout the palate, the fruit is juicy and full, with polished tannins, a broad mouthfeel and one of the smoothest, sleekest finishes of the vintage.

APPELLATION

Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

September 2020

HARVEST DATES

October 20, 2018

SKIN CONTACT

11 days

TIME

18 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2017