



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage: The 2018 vintage will be remembered as nearly perfect. A cold winter with average rainfall made for a late bud-break. Ideal spring weather allowed for a heavy set. Mild conditions throughout summer and fall allowed the crop to slowly ripen and develop maximum flavor. The wines of 2018 are powerful but elegant with firm acidity and beautiful balance. This could be the vintage of the decade!

Vineyard: The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 400 acres of hills and valleys which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in several different sites - on steep, southwestern facing hillsides. The vines range from 22 - 44 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec are blended in to provide additional softness, structure, and complexity.

Harvest: Oct. 20 – Nov. 10 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.52 pH • 6.5 g/L TA

Winemaking: All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. Maceration time varied from 14 to 30 days depending on vineyard block. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (45% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2020. The final blend is 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, and 1% Malbec. This wine is drinkable now, but reward careful cellaring for the next 15 - 20 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.61 pH • 6.0 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: A beautiful nose of ripe plum, raspberry, and cassis with a touch of cedar and vanilla. The mouth is layered with intense flavors of black cherries, red currants, and berry jam. Ripe tannins focus the palate and provide a lengthy finish of spice and red fruit.

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Cases Produced: 4300 cases

