



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE



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 conditions well suited for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in various sites - on steep, southwest-facing hillsides. The vines range from 22 to 44 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. **Cabernet Sauvignon is the only wine produced by Truchard Vineyards with a "reserve" designation. It is a very limited bottling that is a tribute to the quality of this unique vineyard.**

Harvest: Oct. 9 – 24 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.59 pH • 6.6 g/L TA

Winemaking: All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Each fermentation was pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. The lots were pressed after 28 days of maceration. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak (75% new). Racking occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2020. This wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. It is drinkable upon release, but will gracefully age for the next 15 – 20 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.69 pH • 6.1 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: A Classic Cabernet nose of plum, red berries, and cassis; with hints of cedar, cocoa, and sweet vanilla. The mouth round and intense - layered with flavors of blackberry, cherries, and cranberry. Velvety tannins lift the palate and provide an elegant finish of berry and spice.

Release Date: March 1st, 2022

Cases Produced: 168 cases

