



CHAPPELLET

2018 Hideaway Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker Phillip Corallo-Titus



Wine Statistics

25.0° – 28.0° Brix at Harvest
14.5% Alcohol
TA – 0.61g/100ml
pH – 3.80

Wine Blend

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

The Wine

An explorer at heart, our founder Donn Chappellet set out in 1967 to find the landmarks drawn on an old 1882 surveyor map, which define the boundaries of Pritchard Hill. Today, that historic map wraps our wine's label, symbolizing the love of discovery which guides us as we follow in Donn's footsteps, exploring the range of Cabernet Sauvignon expressions from our vineyard and other mountain estates in Napa Valley. Made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 80% new French oak barrels, this epic wine comes from the rocky slopes of our estate's secluded Hideaway Vineyard located at an elevation of 1,425 feet, high on the slopes of majestic Pritchard Hill.

Growing Season & Harvest

The 2018 vintage delivered ideal growing conditions that were reminiscent of the exceptional 2012 and 2016 vintages. Perfectly timed spring rains saturated the soils, and were followed by moderate weather, with almost no days of heat above 100° F throughout summer. Because the phenomenal growing conditions yielded a larger-than-average crop, we did as many as three to four thinning passes between June and August, aggressively dropping fruit to fine-tune the crop load. The temperate conditions continued late into the season, providing abundant hangtime, and ensuring ideal flavor development and the retention of excellent natural acidity. As a result, our 2018 wines offer beautiful color, concentration and weight, with lovely varietal purity.

Tasting Notes

Offering great depth and stunning richness, the 2018 Hideaway Cabernet Sauvignon displays alluring aromas of sun-warmed blackberries, cassis, cinnamon, clove and nutmeg, as well as a subtle high-toned perfumed note. On the palate, it strikes a lovely balance between opulence and elegance, with intense, flowing flavors of wild berries, dark fruit, chocolate and spice framed by exceptional energy and an age-worthy structure that is one of the signatures of Pritchard Hill's terroir.