

DUCKHORN®

V I N E Y A R D S

2018 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON CORK TREE VINEYARD

Founded by legendary vintners Dan and Margaret Duckhorn in 1976, Duckhorn Vineyards is an iconic Napa Valley winery. Located in the southern end of Napa Valley, Cork Tree is our coolest estate vineyard, providing abundant hangtime for the grapes. Planted on a sloping, west-facing hillside, Cork Tree yields a beautifully structured and sophisticated Cabernet Sauvignon, with alluring aromatics, supple tannins and generous layers of blackberry, black cherry and fig.

VINTAGE NOTES

For both red and white grapes, 2018 offered near picture-perfect growing conditions, with mild spring and summer weather, and no significant heat events. The conditions were ideal for both our Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc, which show beautiful tropical notes and ripe flavors at low sugars. While our Chardonnay harvest began about three weeks later than normal, the fruit arrived at the winery in pristine condition, producing dynamic and complex wines. The excellent growing conditions naturally resulted in a slightly larger than average crop for our red Bordeaux varieties, with fully lignified seeds at low sugars levels. With temperate weather throughout fall, we were able to pick each block at optimal ripeness, yielding exceptionally juicy and polished red wines, with plush, well-rounded tannins, and lovely overall structure.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This gorgeous Cabernet Sauvignon begins with explosive aromas of blackberry, black cherry plum, cola and currant, along with hints of hazelnut and graham crackers. On the rich, juicy palate, firm, polished tannins accentuate this wine's luxurious layers of cassis, blueberry pie and dark chocolate, with subtle notes of dried thyme, mocha and clove emerging throughout a bright, beautiful finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	Cork Tree Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 18 months on 100% French oak 85% new, 15% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.70
ACIDITY	0.62 g/100 ml



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