

ALMACERRO

2018

ESTATE VINEYARD PROPRIETARY RED WINE

BLEND	54% Cabernet Franc 27% Cabernet Sauvignon 19% Merlot
ALCOHOL	14.7%
FERMENTATION	30% Stainless Steel Tank 70% French Oak Puncheons
HARVEST DATES	Sept 12th through Oct 6th 2018
OAK MATURATION	25% New Oak 22-24 months in oak
BOTTLED	Sept 22nd, 2020

TASTING NOTES

The nose of the 2018 Proprietary Red Wine is nuanced, intertwined with notes of racy red fruits, fresh herbs, and allspice. The nose transports us to the edge of the forest that surrounds the vineyard, revealing notes of bay laurel, fennel blossom, and black licorice. Looking further, the wine reveals aromas of red cherries, crunchy fresh blueberries, plum and candied violets. On the palate, the natural acidity creates an electric vibration that is both mouthwatering and uplifting. The soft supple tannins complement the energetic lift of this wine, culminating in a long and elegant finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

A glorious vintage, 2018 is one of the most idyllic in recent Napa history. The winter began with lower than usual rains and was slow to release its cold grasp on the mountain, pushing budbreak to the middle of April and setting the trend for an overall cooler growing season. These mild temperatures induced slow maturation of the grapevines and led to balanced canopy growth. Spring brought plentiful and well-timed rainfall giving the vines ample access to soil nutrients. Bloom in June was heralded with perfectly mild conditions, creating a generous fruit set of beautifully full clusters. Veraison soon followed in the middle of August, the timing of which, coupled with another cool spell, allowed for the brix to develop slowly and in unison with the phenolics and flavors of the berries. A bountiful harvest across the valley, the Almacerro estate saw the first pick on September 12th with the old vine Merlot and continued through October 6th with the last pick of Cabernet Sauvignon.

