



2018 DECARLE VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

DeCarle Vineyard is planted on the west side of Rutherford, in the dusty soils for which the area is known. This Cabernet Sauvignon offers a silky palate that complements the wine's juicy berry and black cherry flavors and finishes with a subtle minerality.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2018 growing season kicked off in late February and eased into a mild spring that gave us extended flowering and uniform clusters throughout the vineyard. To reduce fruit yields, we've been slowly modifying our vine canopies in this vineyard, and that attention helped us achieve exceptionally balanced fruit set and loads. The no drama trend continued throughout summer, with consistent temperatures allowing fruit to have beautiful, extended hang time. We saw zero heat spikes and were able to wait patiently for every cluster to achieve perfect phenolic maturity. We picked our Rutherford blocks on October 26 and 30.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Polished and approachable, the 2018 vintage offers an alluring floral-berry perfume and pops of dark, wild berry and clove flavors. There's serious volume on the palate, supported by firm tannins and dusty-earth accents that are hallmarks of the Rutherford Bench. Balanced acidity lifts the finish while subtle notes of clove and baking spice linger with each sip.

APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(50% new, 50% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2020

HARVEST DATE

October 26th & 30th, 2018

SKIN CONTACT

10 days

TIME

17 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2017