



2018 ELEMENT 28

Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Element 28 is named after the owner of the vineyard, Erik Nickel, who ingeniously came up with the name Element 28, which is “nickel” on the periodic table. Located high in the hills across from Lake Henessey, this vineyard has a nice western exposure, comprised of shallow, gravelly loam soils which produce small vines with loose clusters and small berries. Three different clones offer a variety of concentrated fruit flavors that are hallmarks of this hillside vineyard.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2018 growing season kicked off in late February and eased into a mild spring gave us extended flowering throughout the vineyard, with uniform clusters. Summer continued this no drama trend, with consistent temperatures allowing fruit to have beautiful, extended hang time. We patiently waited for every cluster to achieve perfect phenolic maturity and then picked the 4-acre hillside site in a single day.

SENSORY EVALUATION

A perfume of plum and blue fruits with whispers of dried herbs and lavender opens onto a full, fruit-forward entry. Lively acidity and mature hillside tannins frame the layers of generous fruit, while soft mineral notes and a hint of cacao lend a delicate quality to the generous mouthfeel. One of the most nuanced Cabernets of the vintage, the combination of hillside structure, ample fruit and delicate accents are hard to resist now yet promise to gain additional complexity with time.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(48% new, 52% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2020

HARVEST DATE

November 1, 2018

SKIN CONTACT

14 days

TIME

18 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2012