



## 2018 KENEFICK RANCH

Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga, Napa Valley



### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Planted on well-drained, alluvial soils at the base of Calistoga's Eastern hills, Kenefick Ranch produces vines of moderate vigor that yield loose clusters with small, concentrated berries. The loamy soil, western exposure and the warmer upper valley climate of this westward-facing vineyard helps us achieve optimal phenolic ripeness. The resulting wines consistently offer a mouthwatering combination of boysenberry and black cherry aromas with fresh fruit flavors that expand and coat the palate, along with density, layers of texture and a juicy finish.

### 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. Summer continued this no drama trend, with consistent temperatures allowing fruit to have beautiful, extended hang time. With no heat spikes and were able to wait patiently for every cluster to achieve perfect phenolic maturity in the vineyard. One of our first to be harvested, we started picking on September 20, finishing on September 24.

### SENSORY EVALUATION

Deep and texture-driven, this Calistoga Cabernet commands attention with its blackberry and floral perfume, dark fruit flavors and savory undertones. Ripe black cherry and blackberry front load the palate, while coating tannins and notes of tobacco, cocoa and spice unfold on the midpalate and continue into a finish layered with dark, sappy-silky fruit.

**APPELLATION**  
Calistoga, Napa Valley

**VARIETAL**  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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

**RELEASE DATE**  
September 2020

**HARVEST DATE**  
September 20–24, 2018

**SKIN CONTACT**  
20 days

**TIME**  
18 months

**FIRST VINTAGE**  
2016