

JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2018 Vintage



TASTING NOTES A wine of great energy, length, and finesse, 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon opens with floral notes, cedar and pencil shavings followed by ripe blackberry, cassis and red currant jam. Fresh and focused with pleasing acid and tannin structure building tension along the palate to the lingering finish.

GROWING SEASON The 2018 growing season in Napa Valley was marked by cool, mild weather. The cooler than normal spring delayed budbreak, bloom and veraison by two weeks compared to the previous several years. The mild weather patterns in August and September allowed for an extended hang time during harvest allowing exceptional and complex flavor development and overall fruit quality for the vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

97% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Cabernet Franc
1% Malbec

44% Suscol — Napa Valley AVA
24% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
9% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA
7% Barboza & Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA
38% Trusted grower fruit

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for eighteen months in 48% new oak (58% French, 42% American) and 52% used French and American oak barrels before bottling.