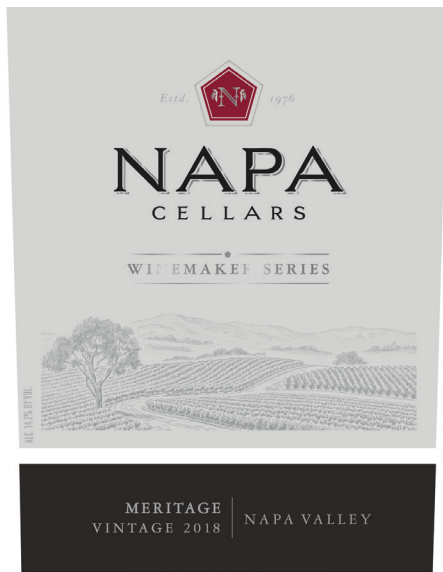


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NAPA CELLARS

WINEMAKER SERIES

MERITAGE VINTAGE 2018 | NAPA VALLEY



With more than 40 years of winemaking heritage in California's most fabled wine region, Napa Cellars produces wines that embody the classic, unmistakable style of Napa Valley. Veteran winemaker Joe Shirley crafts these wines from our own vineyards as well as coveted partner sites from across Napa Valley and its sub-appellations. Meticulous care in the vineyard and gentle winemaking techniques allow the quality and richness of Napa Valley's terroir to shine in the finished product.

VINEYARD

We sourced four Bordeaux varietals from three Napa Valley sub-appellations to craft this well-rounded and complex red wine blend. We started with a base of Cabernet Sauvignon with Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot added depth and concentration.

WINEMAKING

Once harvested, the fruit was carefully sorted, de-stemmed and gently crushed. A 12- to 15-day maceration period, complete with seed removal and délestage, helped to coax out the aromatic characters and flavors of the wine and create full, round tannins. After fermentation, the wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels, 50% new, for 22 months.

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

COMPOSITION: 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Malbec, 20% Merlot and 7% Petit Verdot

AGING: 22 months in French oak barrels, 50% new

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

T.A.: 0.55 g / 100ml

PH: 3.73

HARVEST DATE:
October 5 – 25, 2018

RELEASE DATE: March 2021

CASES: 240

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Napa Cellars 2018 is a sophisticated wine that opens with aromas of black currant, cocoa powder and caramelized brown sugar. On the palate, the wine is lush, with flavors of berries, strawberry jam and currant mingled with notes of vanilla, cloves and toffee, well-rounded fine-grain tannins and excellent length of the finish.

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