

2018 ENDEAVOUR CABERNET SAUVIGNON – DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

Located in the Lytton Springs district of Dry Creek Valley, our estate Endeavour Vineyard is the vision of the second generation to grow and produce Cabernet Sauvignon that equals the finest of any in California. Strategically planted to take advantage of each of the diverse soil conditions on the property, Endeavour Vineyard contains its own sustainable ecosystem, complete with a natural pond to collect rainwater. This vineyard is a labor of love and continues to drive our family winery forward in producing world-class wines.

GROWING SEASON

Following a long growing season characterized by cooler than normal temperatures throughout the spring and summer, the 2018 harvest started 5–8 days later than the past several years. The milder temperatures afforded the luxury of a longer hang time for the grapes, allowing them to fully mature while retaining a high level of acidity. Overall, the harvest was plentiful with some vineyards producing higher than average quantities. The season ended with the ideal combination of warm days and cooler nights which enabled the high quality of grapes to thrive while developing complexity and nuance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

At first swirl, notes of black cherry, spiced plum and black currant come forward, followed by deeper aromatics of nutmeg, cinnamon and oregano. Additional airing reveals nuances of dried rose petals and mocha. On the palate, elegant flavors of dark berries and blackberry pie mingle with complex notes of espresso, fine leather and dried thyme. The refined tannins are well-integrated, providing a rich and luxurious mouthfeel with a long, lingering finish.

RELEASE DATE	October 2021
BLEND	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	October 18–23, 2018
ALCOHOL	14.1%
FERMENTATION	10–18 days in fermenters at 82–88°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	19 months in French oak; 60% new oak
BRIX	Average 26.3
PH	3.55
TA	6.4g/L
SOILS	Gravelly loam on rolling hills
VINE AGE	19 years
YIELDS	2–3 tons per acre

