



Cabernet Franc Napa Valley 2018

WINEMAKER NOTES

2018 was a dream growing season and harvest for Napa Valley. An abundance of rain in February was followed by continuous days of sunshine and mild temperatures that made for uniform vines and even cluster growth. With no major heat spikes to contend with, there was no need to rush through harvest. Cooler temperatures allowed us to pick when we wanted, without stress and under optimal conditions. The gift from Mother Nature translated to wines that not only have great concentration but also an amazing freshness.

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

Our Cabernet Franc Napa Valley 2018 was handcrafted from fruit grown in premium vineyards that truly express the diversity of terroirs in Napa Valley. This wine showcases flavors from a range of sub-appellations stretching from the mountain slopes of Atlas Peak and Howell Mountain to valley floor vineyards in the Rutherford, Yountville and Oak Knoll District AVAs blended together to create the essence of Napa Valley.

ABOUT **VinoSensei**

Established in 2006, **VinoSensei's** mission is to create artisanal wines drawing on Old World vineyard handcrafted practices and emphasis on unique terroir driven characteristics that reveal a sense of place combined with New World technology and science. The family-owned, boutique winery in the heart of Napa Valley on the Rutherford Bench is honored that its estate is considered one of the top wineries in the region.

ON THE NOSE

Coffee grinds, Rainier cherries, hints of ivy, wet clay, cotton candy, pencil leads, toasted white bread, orange peels, juicy strawberries, paprika

ON THE PALATE

Fresh juicy entrance, great balance, concentration, freshly-cracked black pepper, pomegranate, cassis, coconut shaving, pork roast, raspberry, thyme, finishing with a hint of roasted red pepper

BLEND

100% Cabernet Franc

FERMENTATION

60% barrel fermented, 40% stainless steel tank fermented

AGING

20 months in French oak; 75% new, 25% 1-year-old barrels