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LUXURY COLLECTION

2018 SMALL BLOCK SERIES RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

HARVEST: October 18 - 30, 2018 **ALCOHOL:** 14.9%

PH: 3.63

TA: 0.64 gms/100mL

AGING: 21 months in 75% New French Oak Barrels

306 Cases Produced

ARTISTRY IN BOTTLE

Small Block Series wines thrive under next generation leaders Tim and Sabrina Persson. These wines honor winemaking practices that explore distinctive vineyards and artisan techniques. The Small Block Series reflects the next generation's pursuit of state-of-the-art innovations in the winery, and their desire to express the personalities of unique vineyards and varietals in bottle.

RESILIENCE IN THE VINEYARD

Each vintage presents a unique set of conditions, and we approach every year ready to face the challenge. For vintage 2018, budbreak began on schedule at the end of February, and spring brought moderate temperatures that progressed into a warm summer without any disruptive heat spikes. Steady growing conditions continued through Harvest, which began in mid-September for the white varieties. We continued picking our red varieties long into the first weeks of November. With such lengthy hang time, the fruit matured consistently and was picked at its peak, promising exceptional flavor in bottle.

FROM THE CELLAR

"With fruit sourced from among the most exquisite AVAs of the Napa Valley, including Oakville, Rutherford and Mount Veeder, this wine is the essence of the Napa Valley and shows it is worthy of the reserve designation. Incredibly nuanced with a gorgeous structure, aromas of blackberries and perfumed violets entice the palate and complement its beautifully layered flavors of supple black cherry and hints of baking spice. The delicious entry leads to well-integrated tannins, marked by notes of cedar and sandalwood, as this wine lingers on the long, delicious finish. A Cabernet of this quality and depth is destined to continue to evolve and reveal more of its personality for years to come."

- Stephanie Pope, Winemaker

CURATED CULINARY PAIRING

Something so powerful needs a companion that can also stand tall, so this is clearly a case where a bit of grilled, charred medium rare beef of the highest quality, presented with wild fennel, caramelized onions and leafy, earthy grains would be simply wonderful.

- Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

We are proud to support the Land Trust of Napa County, a community-based nonprofit dedicated to preserving the character of Napa by permanently protecting land.



