

ACUMEN

Napa Valley

2018 *Mountainside* RED WINE

This full-bodied wine starts with fragrant aromas of ripe blackberries, potpourri, freshly turned earth, and Chambord. On the palate, we find mouth-coating flavors of blueberries, Santa Rosa plums, and baking spices with a pleasant grip of ripe tannins coupled with notes of toffee, rhubarb compote, fresh sage and cigar box on the long and pleasant finish.



2018 VINTAGE

Dubbed a "Winemaker's Dream Vintage" the 2018 growing season in Napa saw cooler than average temperatures throughout spring/summer. With saturated grounds from winter rains, vines coming out of dormancy had plenty of water supply for healthy bud-breaks, which with the exception of a slightly delayed Sauvignon Blanc, occurred on time in late March/early April. Temperatures in May through August continued to be cooler than usual. This and the absence of any heat events during berry formation, coupled with the larger cluster sizes resulted in yields above average and the vintage will be remembered as a bumper crop.

WINEMAKER: Henrik Poulsen
COMPOSITION: 60.8% Cabernet Sauvignon; 27.3% Merlot;
9.3% Petit Verdot; 2.6% Zinfandel
BARREL AGING: 18 months in 100% French Oak
ALCOHOL: 14%
PRODUCTION: 1,500 cases produced

92 POINTS

"Deep garnet, black color; black fruit, licorice, oak in the aroma, excellent depth and focus; medium to full bodied, packed on the palate, medium to full tannins, fine structure; dry, medium acidity, very good balance; black fruit and licorice flavors, oak, anise; medium finish, firm aftertaste." - Wilfred Wong, Wine.com March 2021

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"This is a combination of nearly 61% Cabernet Sauvignon with 27% Merlot and smaller percents of Petit Verdot and Zinfandel. Brushy sage, dried herb and cedar come to mind on the palate, the wine made in an old-world style of savoy earthiness and underlying brightness, the fruit a compote of pomegranate and plum." - Virginie Boone, Wine Enthusiast November 2021