

ACUMEN

Napa Valley

2018 *Mountainside* CABERNET SAUVIGNON

With a rich ruby color, this full-bodied wine opens with aromas of cigarbox, Bing cherries, cranberry sauce, saddle leather, and bay leaves. On the palate, we find flavors of Luxardo cherries, Campari, Valrhona chocolate, pomegranates, and apple tartlets, with robust tannins and hints of freshly turned earth and crushed rocks on the long and persistent 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: 81.9% Cabernet Sauvignon; 6.4% Petit Verdot
BARREL AGING: 18 months in 100% French Oak
ALCOHOL: 14%
PRODUCTION: 1,500 cases produced

93 POINTS

"Deep garnet color; attractive and bold black fruit aroma, excellent density; medium to full bodied, layered and slightly elevated on the palate; dry, medium acidity, very good balance; black fruit and licorice flavors, some oak, medium intensity; medium finish."

-Wilfred Wong, Wine.com March 2021

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"Deep purple-black colored, the barrel sample of 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Mountainside reveals open-knit notes of blueberry compote, plum preserves and red and black currants with nuances of tilled soil, underbrush, bouquet garni and mossy bark. The palate is medium-bodied, elegant and fresh with a chewy frame and earthy finish."

-Lisa Perrotti-Brown, November 2019