

CASTIEL

ESTATE

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TASTING NOTES The 2018 Castiel Cabernet comes entirely from the steep, higher-elevation slopes of Howell Mountain AVA, which is perched on the eastern edge of Napa Valley. These vineyards see cooler summertime high temperatures, and slightly warmer temperatures during autumn nights than the valley floor, which leads to a longer hang-time with slightly higher acidity. Over the course of an entire growing season, the small daily differences become profoundly manifested in the flavor and structure of the resulting wine.

The 2018 Castiel Cabernet Sauvignon shows aromas of ripe berry, plum, spice, anise and cocoa, with just a hint of bay and black tea providing depth. At entry, the structure of the wine is broad and satiny, with a strong sense of density combined with bright acidity. Throughout the palate impression a supporting sense of vanilla and dark oak flavors add complexity. The finish is solid with medium-grained tannins that will clearly provide longevity. Bright berry flavors linger as the flavors slowly melt away.

Two clones of Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested between October 15 and 18, 2018, vinified individually and kept separate in barrels until after the first year in oak. The wines were blended, then returned to their barrels for an additional 8 months prior to bottling in May 2020. The wine was bottled without fining or filtration.


WINEMAKER

APPELLATION:

Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

VARIETAL:

*100% Cabernet Sauvignon;
clones 15 and 191*

BARREL AGING:

*20 months in 70%
new French Oak*

SOIL COMPOSITION:

*Pumiceous ash flow tuff
and andesite rock*

TOTAL PRODUCTION:

382 cases

SUSTAINABLY FARMED