

## HOOPES

## 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

"It is hard to think of a vintage where the conditions were all so ideal as 2018, perhaps until 2019, another stunning vintage. From the start, the entire season proceeded at an even clip, with moderate weather, never too hot nor too cold, just enough rain through the winter to support a healthy canopy growth and a long slow even ripening into the fall that allowed us to dial in precisely the moment to harvest each vineyard block at optimum ripeness. The only potential fault of 2018 would be its abundant crop, but as with every vintage we carefully monitored our vineyards to ensure a balanced crop load on the vines. The result: beautiful, complex, and intense wines with freshness and structure to age for decades."

- Second Generation Proprietor Lindsay Hoopes

## TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Napa Valley

Composition: 98.5% Cabernet Sauvignon

1% Merlot 0.5% Malbec Barrels: 100% French, 40% New

Barrel Aging: 29 Months

Alcohol: 15.2%

PH: 3.63

TA: 6.80 g/L

Date Bottled: April 29, 2021

Number of Cases: 6,200

## TASTING NOTES

"This wine opens up with a gorgeous nose of black licorice and nutmeg; you might even get a hint of freshly split vanilla bean. With a great acidity and soft approach, this Cabernet Sauvignon takes you on a journey through dark fruits and earthy notes. Plum and fennel are persistent throughout, however as you continue you'll be able to pick up the flavors of roasted mushrooms, soy, and dried cherries."

-Winemakers Aaron Pott