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2018 STUDY IN BLUE RED WINE, NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

After abundant rains in February, both bud break and flowering occurred a bit late but under ideal weather conditions. A mild summer brought generous sun (and no heat spikes) during the day and cool marine influences, while moderate heat in the fall extended harvest dates into October. The long hangtime produced fruit with great flavor complexity and phenomenal phenolic development.

Vineyards

Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit. The Truchard Vineyard was the primary source for grapes used in this blend, with vineyard sites extending into the lower hillsides of the Mayacamas mountain range.

Vinification

The grapes were hand picked at optimum ripeness. Following destemming, the grapes were stainless steel-fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 20 months (39% one-use barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of sweet blueberries, cigar box, mocha and a hint of black licorice combine on the nose. The Cabernet Franc and the Cabernet Sauvignon provide a rich mouthfeel with polished tannins, while the aromas of ripe blueberries are mirrored in the finish of this wine.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	65% Cabernet Franc 33% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Petite Sirah
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.9%
TA	0.60 g/100ml
pH	3.68
Oak Aging	20 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 39% 1-use
Bottling Date	January 20, 2021
Production	605 cases