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2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 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

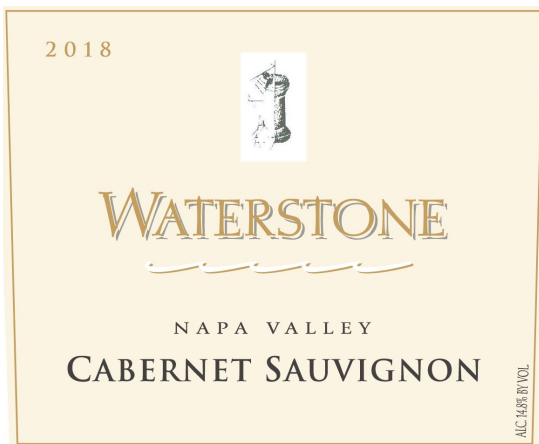
Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit. The Truchard Vineyard was the primary source for grapes used in this blend, with vineyard sites extending into the lower hillsides of the Mayacamas mountain range.

Vinification

Following destemming, the hand-picked 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 22 months (40% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

This Cabernet Sauvignon showcases layers of sweet black cherry, warm baking spices, lead pencil shavings and mocha. Elegantly structured with plush mouth-filling tannins, fine dusty tannins, and a bright fruit expression; the wine finishes with notes of black currant and cassia.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	92% Cabernet Sauvignon 7% Cabernet Franc 1% Petite Sirah
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.8%
TA	0.64g/100ml
pH	3.67
Oak Aging	22 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 40% new
Bottling Date	January 19, 2021
Production	1808 cases