



## SOCIETY OF SMUGGLERS

### 2018 RIGHT BANK RED

**VINTAGE:** Tenth

**COMPOSITION:** 51% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Franc, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Carménère

**APPELLATION:** Coombsville AVA, Napa Valley

**VINEYARD:** Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981

**OPTIMAL DRINKING PERIOD:** 2–10 Years

**PRODUCTION:** 366 Cases

**PRICE:** \$105 / 750ml SOS Only

**BLOCK:** Caldwell 15, 16, 17, 18

**YIELD:** 3.2 Tons per Acre on Average

**AVERAGE VINE AGE:** 23 Years

**GRAPE VARIETIES:** See Composition Section

**CLONES:** Multiple

**ROOTSTOCK:** Multiple

**HARVEST DATES:** Multiple

**VINTAGE SUMMARY:** The 2018 growing season was ideal for almost every varietal, clone, rootstock, and age group of vine. Long, temperate, and void of rain and heat spikes during critical phenological ripening steps, Mother Nature provided winemakers and vineyard managers very little stress, while perfectly stressing the fruit. A perfect way to come off the disturbing fire-riddled vintage of 2017, 2018 will go down in history as one of the highest quality and abundant vintages of all time. Every wine in our lineup has a backbone of structure, power, and verve but are strongly defined by varietal purity and elegance.

**FERMENTATION:** Stainless and French Oak Barrels

**YEAST:** Multiple

**ML BACTERIA:** Multiple

**WOOD ORIGIN:** New French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)

**AGING:** 100% French Oak, 77% New, for 18 Months

**FINING:** None

**FILTERING:** Filtered

**ALCOHOL:** 14.8%

**BOTTLED ON:** April 20, 2020

**WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:** In the 2018 lineup from Caldwell, the Right Bank expresses notes of boysenberry, violets, dried fig, and sweet French oak with a special dusting of leafiness and spice from the dash of Carménère. In contrast to its Left Bank brother, the Right Bank palate should always be the sultrier and more open-knit of the two. The 2018 is no exception with its explosive black fruits that emerge on entrance with incredible density and hedonistic pleasure. The breadth of the Merlot is continued by the Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc which help tighten and close it out with finely integrated tannins that last for minutes.