

2018 SIGNATURE PLATINUM

BY CALDWELL, NAPA VALLEY

Vintage:	Ninth
Composition:	Winemaker's Secret
Clones:	Multiple
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Block:	Winemaker's Secret
Yield:	3.5 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	24 Years
Grape Varieties:	Winemaker's Secret
Rootstock:	Multiple
Harvest Date:	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:	100% French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	18 Months in Barrel
New Oak Barrels:	72%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Filtered
Alcohol:	15.1%
Bottled on:	July 22, 2020

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Our 2018 Platinum stands alone at the top of our 2018 line-up with its wholly lifted and pure spirit. Off the bat, the wine is intensely reminiscent of rose water. 2018 Platinum's ultra-floral nose is encircled with bright notes of cassis, white chocolate, and primary red and black fruits which come across ever so slightly candied. Overall, the palate is graceful and supported by finessed fruit intensity. The vintage being a relatively cool year provides tension and verve with a bright dose of acidity, while a profusion of oak drives straight through the mid palate. Depth and concentration of the post-mid palate fruit weight leads into an abundance of super fine grit tannins which carry the finish for over five minutes.

Cellaring:	4 – 30 Years
Production:	75 Cases
Price:	\$275 / 750ml

