

2018 SIGNATURE SILVER

BY CALDWELL, NAPA VALLEY

Vintage:	Nineteenth
Composition:	45% Syrah, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot 9% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot
Clones:	Multiple
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Vineyard Blocks:	Caldwell 11, 14, 15, 8, 18
Yield:	3.5 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	24 Years
Grape Varieties:	See Composition Section
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 devoid of rain and heat spikes during critical phenological ripening steps, it 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 is also strongly defined by varietal purity and elegance.

Fermentation:	Stainless and French Oak Barrels
Yeast:	Multiple
ML Bacteria:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	100% French (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	18 Months in Barrel
New Oak Barrels:	80%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Filtered
Alcohol:	15.1%
Bottled on:	Late July and early August 2020

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Our winemaker Marc designed the 2018 Signature Silver bottling to harken back to John's original bottlings of Silver in the late 1990s. The high dosing of Syrah provides beautiful fruit texture, weight, and a bump in immediate drinkability, while the 5 other varietals in the blend will allow it to age gracefully for many years. Always John's favorite blend to make, the Signature Silver is also the first wine Caldwell ever made here at the estate.

Cellaring:	2 – 20 Years
Production:	175 Cases
Price:	\$200 / 750ml

