

Cabernet Franc

2018

Vintage:	Ninth
Composition:	98% Cabernet Franc, 1.5% Merlot, 0.5% Cabernet Sauvignon
Clones:	Multiple
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Block:	Caldwell 10, 15
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Grape Varieties:	See Composition Section
Rootstock:	Multiple
Average Vine Age:	33 Years
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, 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 most abundant vintages of all time. Every wine in our lineup has a backbone of structure, power, and verve, but all are strongly defined by varietal purity and elegance.

Fermentation:	Stainless and French Oak Barrels
Yeast:	Multiple
ML:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	100% French Oak, 80% New, for 18 Months
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Unfiltered
Alcohol:	15.1%
Bottling Date:	June 23, 2020

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: The 2018 Caldwell Varietal Collection Cabernet Franc is dominated by tons of blue and black fruits. Primary confectionary elderberry and blackberry aromatics are accented by notes of baking spices, clove, dampened forest floor, and a hint of saffras and fresh Madagascar vanilla bean. The hedonistic palate is broad, luscious, and deep; layer upon layer of dense black currant surround a core of ultrafine, elegant tannins.

Optimal Drinking Period:	Now –15 Years
Production:	148 Cases
Price:	\$125 / 750ml

