

VARIETAL COLLECTION

# Tannat

2018

Vintage:	Eleventh
Composition:	97% Tannat, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Syrah
Clones:	474
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell and Kreuzer Vineyard
Block:	Caldwell 17 and Kreuzer
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	18 Years
Grape Varieties:	See Composition Section
Rootstock:	3309
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:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	18 Months
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Unfiltered
Alcohol:	15.65%
Bottling Date:	July 9, 2020

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes:** The 2018 Tannat by Caldwell is a wild beast unlike any other wine I've made. The nose is inky, resinous, and fiercely wild with highly elevated notes abound. Returning to the wine after 12 hours presents incredible aromatics of camphor, electric blackberries, and black licorice candies. The mouthfeel is higher in acid and more mouthwatering than the rest of Caldwell's lineup, and with an overflow of tannin, color, and breadth to boot, this wine an absolute monster.

Cellaring:	Now – 25 Years
Production:	125 Cases
Price:	\$95/750ml

