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CABERNET SAUVIGNON
LEAKY LAKE VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

2018

2018 Vintage Notes

February saw abundant rains in 2018, followed by lots of filtered light in spring and early summer. Both bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun during the day and cooler marine influences, virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The relatively mild summer followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near-ideal conditions for winemakers to allow their fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels. Harvest levels were up 20-30% over average crop quantity.

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The 2018 growing season for the Leaky Lake vineyard was a gift from nature, and combined with Julien Fayard's winemaking talents, created one of the boldest and deepest concentrated Cabernets to come out of our hillside property in years.

The nose on this dark purple wine holds nothing back: black cherries, licorice, and anise play alongside a forest floor earthiness. The palate is rewarded with ripe plum, pomegranate, Bing cherry, leather, and graphite. Big, chewy, tannins define a long lingering finish that's well-integrated. With low residual oak, this wine will be fantastic for decanting and enjoying all its pleasures now. This is a Cabernet that will age beautifully for years to come.

Pair this wine with rib roast, short ribs, Kobe beef, bacon-wrapped filets, eggplant Parmesan, miso-maple salmon, cioppino, or flank steak with chimichurri.

Winemaker
Farming
Appellation
Blend
Alcohol

Julien Fayard

Certified Organic by CCOF

Napa Valley, California

100% Cabernet Sauvignon, clones 131 and 337

14.3%

