2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

HARVESTED	|	September 4 - October 3, 2018
BOTTLED	|	April 27, 2020
COMPOSITION	|	91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot
ALCOHOL	|	14.9%
WINEMAKER	|	Jennifer Williams

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 growing season started with cool conditions punctuated by a couple cold snaps. Spring brought more cool weather, prolonging bloom time and delaying veraison. However, summer brought warm, steady temperatures that allowed grapes to mature and ripen evenly and with striking complexity. A late harvest yielded exceptional, beautifully balanced fruit.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our mountain-grown Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested at night to deliver naturally cooled grapes to the winery. Whole clusters were gravity-fed onto a vibrating table for hand sorting. Selected clusters were gently de-stemmed, delivering whole berries for a final hand sorting. After several days of cold maceration, the fruit entered primary fermentation for two to three weeks, then gently pressed in our stainless-steel basket. The wine finished malolactic fermentation in barrel, then aged for 17 months in 70% new French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Our dark, expressive Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas and notes of wild blackberries, anise and Italian Castelvetrano olive. Youthful upon release, the wine's firm tannins will soften over time, whether in the cellar or while swirling in your decanter or glass. Patience rewards as a plush, juicy mid-palate is revealed, confidently leading to the lengthy finish that hints at blueberry jam and warm vanilla.

ABOUT JAYSON WINES

Jayson wines are born from two of the most renowned winegrowing regions in the world – the iconic Napa Valley and the pioneering Sonoma Coast. Every vintage is meticulously made with the attention to detail for which Pahlmeyer is known and trusted, while capturing the spirit of its founder whose huge personality, humor and joy for living are an integral part of the Pahlmeyer legacy.