

2018 Napa Valley

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon was the first wine produced by Rombauer Vineyards when the winery was founded in 1980. This bottling is made exclusively with Napa Valley fruit from vineyards owned by the Rombauer family, along with carefully selected sites from some of the region's top growers.

VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine comes from vineyards in the St. Helena, Calistoga, Oakville, Stags Leap District, Atlas Peak, and Carneros AVAs.

WINEGROWING

Heavy rains in February led to a warm summer, which then turned cool in August, resulting in a later harvest than the last few years. What followed was a long warm fall with near perfect growing conditions and extended hang time. In the end, it was one of the longest harvests on record and also above average crop size. Sustainable farming practices throughout the season were tailored to each block with the assistance of aerial photos produced using NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) technology.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were carefully destemmed and optically sorted to ensure only perfect fruit made it into the wine. A cold soak extracted color and flavor before a combination of tank and barrel fermentation was used

to provide a richer, more textured palate. The wine was gently basket-pressed before being racked to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is deep purple with a bright fuchsia rim. The nose is expressive, with aromas of red cherry and sage with a hint of violet, spice and toast. The wine is full-bodied, packed with flavors of raspberry and black cherry, along with notes of violet and toast from the oak. Supple tannins carry through to a fine and smooth finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our favorite *Joy of Cooking*® pairings* for this wine include Braised Short Ribs, Lasagna Bolognese and Pan Roasted Rack of Lamb



RELEASE DATE	September 2020	HARVESTED	Sept. 22nd– Nov. 7th, 2018
APPELLATION	Napa Valley	AVERAGE BRIX AT HARVEST	26.1
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc 3% Merlot	COOPERAGE	16 months in 60% new French oak
		ALCOHOL	14.8%

**Recipes for pairings can be found in the Joy of Cooking.
Recipes not appearing in the book can be found at www.JoyofCooking.com.*



The Joy of Wine

THE ROMBAUER FAMILY *Inspired by the wine movement of the 1970s in Napa Valley, Koerner and Joan Rombauer entered the wine business in 1976, then launched Rombauer Vineyards in 1980. As stewards of the land, the Rombauers have strived to produce the best wine an appellation, terroir and climate will achieve. The second and third generations are dedicated to continuing Koerner and Joan's vision.*

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