

WINEMAKER'S NOTES



BOTTLED:
FEBRUARY 2021

LANCASTER ESTATE 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Production: 3,500 cases

Varietals: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot,
3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot

Titrateable Acidity: 5.7 g/L

pH: 3.53

Alcohol: 14.5 %

OUR THOUGHTS...

The 2018 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon captures the pure expression of our unique terroir at Lancaster Estate. It is a blend of all five of the red Bordeaux varietals we have planted on our volcanic hillside vineyards. The nose is rich with aromas of dark plum, tobacco and black pepper. The palate is deep and concentrated with flavors of black cherry, dark stone fruit, dried sage and a subtle earthiness. This wine should be decanted when young, and will only gain in complexity for the next 15-20 years.

VINTAGE AND ESTATE NOTES:

The Alexander Valley experienced another ideal growing season in 2018. The long season provided moderate temperatures for the grapes to ripen at the optimal speed. The result is an incredible vintage marked by clean, outstanding fruit characteristics with balanced acidity and sugar levels.

Consistent with Lancaster Estate's commitment to making wines of authenticity and place, all of our wines are estate grown, produced and bottled. Native yeasts are used for primary fermentation while secondary malolactic fermentation occurs naturally in barrel.

To preserve the truest expression of our estate, the Lancaster Estate 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon was gently fined and then bottled unfiltered.

Cooperage:

The 2018 was aged 24 months in 100% French oak. We chose barrels from several coopers including Darnajou, Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage, Saury, Bel Air and Sylvain. 50% of the barrels were new and all were coopered using a combination of Medium, Medium Plus, Medium Long, and Heavy toast levels to provide optimal integration and balance.

