

# 2018 CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### OUR STORY

Founded in 2010, Aviary Vineyards launched with the 2009 vintage of our Napa Valley Red Blend. That first vintage took advantage of tiny lots of different varieties from 13 different vineyards throughout Napa Valley. Much like an aviary, the blend of different grapes interacted and harmonized to create a wine that was beautiful, enjoyable, and captivating. Each component is wonderful, but together, they combined into a truly great experience.

We hope you will enjoy Aviary Vineyards and we invite you to contact us with your comments.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

After a trying 2017 vintage, punctuated by wild fires in Napa and sporadic rainfall, 2018 was a grape grower's dream. Milder temperatures and a longer growing season yielded a healthy crop of well-ripened and structured fruit. We welcomed Mother Nature's respite from the trials of the previous vintage.

The 2018 Aviary California Cabernet Sauvignon, as in previous vintages, is developed to offer the classic big, rich, dark fruit cabernet attributes, while also displaying our velvety smooth tannin structure, tempered by our consistent selection of oak. This wine is one that pairs exceptionally well with your favorite steak or roast, but will shine just as well on its own. On the nose you will find generous blueberry fruit with a touch of crushed earth. The mid-pallet continues with dark fruit expressions of cassis, some red fruit in the form of subtle strawberry preserves, and just a touch of bright menthol or eucalyptus. The saddle bag and cedar finish, and complete acid throughout, will leave your mouth watering and coming back for more. Always rich and elegant – and perhaps more thoughtful in the 2018 – this vintage is another wonderful example of the Aviary house style we have become so well known for.

# COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon AVAs: Napa, Sonoma, Lodi

### TECHNICAL NOTES

pH: 3.87

TA: 0.52g/100mL

Alcohol: 13.9% Barrel Aging: 8 months

