

BLUE ROCK

2018 Best Barrels Cabernet Sauvignon Blue Rock Vineyard Estate, Alexander Valley



Vineyard

Our 2018 Best Barrels Cabernet Sauvignon is 100% Cabernet, 77% from our old suitcase clone block and 23% from its neighboring block just down the hill, both at the Blue Rock Estate Vineyard in Alexander Valley.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Deep ruby with wonderful purity, this gorgeous Cabernet unfolds in the glass to reveal black currant, blackberry, warm spices, fresh tilled earth, cocoa powder, hints of vanilla, black licorice, tobacco and leather. Together these integrated aromas create a feeling of rich dark fruit, epicurean winter warmth and refinement, a serious and elevated wine still in the youthful stages of its long and glorious development.

Copious flavors of black fruits and plum coat the mouth, supported by subtle layers of sweet wood and freshly toasted country bread. Tannins are present and refined, in perfect balance with lively acidity to ensure a wonderful place at the dinner table and a celebrated future in the cellar. A wine of substance and pedigree, this flagship Cabernet is what our Best Barrels program is all about.

Food Affinities

A great cut of marbled beef on the grill, simply spiced with salt and cracked pepper, or any version of red meat will happily do, from hearty sausages to beef bourguignons. If you are in search of a vegetarian alternative, stuffed mushroom with truffle oil and a strong cheese.

Ageability

If you wish to enjoy this wine now, pleasure will abound with a couple hours of decanting and pairing with food. That said, the ultimate expression of this Best Barrels selection will begin to naturally emerge with another two years of proper storage and continue to evolve effortlessly for 15-20 years or longer.

Technical Data

100% Cabernet Sauvignon
45% new French oak
22 Months in Barrel
15.0% Alc.
Cases Produced: 538
Bottled: July 2020



*2018 Vintage



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