



## 2018 Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon

Founded in 1991 by Michael Dragutsky, Cornerstone Cellars is the quintessential Napa Valley mountain and benchland producer of Cabernet Sauvignon. Our winemaking led by Kari Auringer honors Napa Valley's great heritage by crafting intense, elegant and balanced wines that stand among the very best winegrowing estates in the world. Through intellectual rigor, humility, and with the utmost respect for the land, Cornerstone Cellars aims to make wines that truly speak to its exceptional vineyard sites in the most authentic and genuine way possible.



### 2018 Vintage

In Northern California, we had an extremely dry winter. March and April brought us an abundant amount of much-needed rain. This surge of rain brought us closer to “normal” and the reservoirs are looking fairly full. A mild winter and cool spring delayed budbreak and bloom by as much as two weeks. Cool, steady summer temperatures pushed out veraison by another week or two. We avoided any major heat spikes that we have come to expect in August and September, which pushed out harvest even further. The near-perfect weather just prior to harvest gave us plenty of time to pick at peak ripeness. Yields are up over past years, and the fruit is of superb quality.

### 2018 Tasting Notes

Bursting with complex aromas of black cherry, coffee and licorice, this Cabernet Sauvignon is classic Calistoga. Full-bodied, yet smooth on entry, the jammy core is intermingled with notes of black licorice, anise, brown sugar and spice. The finish lingers with dark red berries that Calistoga Cabernet is best known. This is a wine that pairs with beef or lamb, game meats, and nutty aged cheeses.

### 2018 Winemaking Notes

Vintage:	2018
Appellation:	86% Calistoga 7% Rutherford 7% Mt. Veeder
Varietals:	98% Cab Sauvignon 2% Petit Verdot
Harvest Date:	October 1, 2018
Cooperage:	70% New French oak 30% 2-year French oak
Alcohol:	15.2%
pH:	3.8
TA:	5.6 g/L
Bottling Date:	July 22, 2020
Production:	700 6-pack cases
Retail:	\$85

Note: This small family vineyard is a meticulously farmed, terraced vineyard on the foothills of the Palisades.