

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CALISTOGA | NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

2018 will go down as one of those highly memorable Napa Valley vintages born of an entirely unmemorable growing season. Conditions were ideal: ample February rains followed by a late but consistent and copious fruit set; mild summer sun, cool marine influence, and no major heat spikes. Fruit was allowed to hang in the vineyard for one of the longest stretches in recent memory, which led to optimal maturity and

VINEYARD NOTES

Elusa's Calistoga Cabernet brings together fruit from three notable vineyards in the Calistoga AVA; Pozzan, Lantz, and Kenefick Ranch. Pozzan was planted in 2012 and Cabernet Sauvignon Clones 30, 6, 7, and 337 are all present in the vineyard, each supplying their own characteristics and traits. The iron-rich red soil is an Aiken Loam and when paired with the nightly cool, coastal influence it results in dense and complex wines.

Lantz vineyard means sourcing fruit from the immediate neighborhood. We started sourcing here in 2014. Edgar Lantz grows his fruit at the foot of the Oat Hill Mine Trail. Working with these vineyards keeps winemaking at Elusa obsessively local.

Kenefick Cabernet Sauvignon fruit is highly sought after and it is our winemaker Jonathan Walden's intention to let the fruit shine through in the wine. Grown in the softer, gravelly soils of an alluvial fan located on valley floor, these established vines have a deep root system resulting in a more robust canopy, essential to withstanding the Calistoga heat.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 vintage of Elusa Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon is a polished representation of this robust varietal flourishing in ideal conditions here in Calistoga.

Fresh, bright notes of raspberry compote and Amarena cherries dominate the nose of this highly aromatic wine. Dark fruits and chocolate ganache coat your palate with a creamy mouthfeel and long finish.



TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION | CALISTOGA, NAPA VALLEY
VARIETAL | 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VINEYARD SOURCE | KENEFICK RANCH, LANTZ VINEYARD, POZZAN VINEYARD
CLONES | 191, 337
AGING | 20 MONTHS
COOPERS | REYMOND, BARON, TREUIL
ALCOHOL | 14.4%
BOTTLING DATE | JUNE 2020
PRODUCTION | 45 BARRELS
WINEMAKER | THOMAS RIVERS BROWN



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