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## 2018 SELECT SERIES CABERNET FRANC (OLD VINE) NAPA VALLEY

### CÉPAGE:

96% CABERNET FRANC  
2% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
2% MALBEC

### AGING:

AGED 22 MONTHS IN 100% NEW  
FRENCH OAK BARRELS  
TARANSAUD, SYLVAIN, DARNAJOU

### FERMENTATION:

78% OPEN-TOP TARANSAUD  
FRENCH OAK CUVÉES  
22% FRENCH OAK PUNCHEONS  
100% FREE RUN

### TASTING NOTES:

Our old vine Cabernet Franc, planted on AXR rootstock in the early 1980s, continues to produce an exquisite wine vintage after vintage. The vines are approaching 40 years old and while yields are low, concentration and complexity is still ever-present in the fruit. Compelling aromatics of dark cherry, rose petal, cinnamon and clove, emanate from the glass. The palate has rich dark fruit tones that are perfectly balanced with lush tannins and beautiful acidity. The 2018 Cabernet Franc showcases power and structure, combined with a bright acidic backbone. An elegant wine that will continue to age and evolve beautifully for 15 years or more.



*Galloni, Vinous*



*Jeb Dunnuck*



### VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2018 vintage was ideal with a temperate, long growing season and virtually no major heat spikes; allowing for perfect phenolic development on the vine. Rains came in late February, followed by a mild Spring and a long flowering season, creating uniform cluster development on the vine. Temperatures remained steady and warm throughout the growing season, allowing winemakers to really dial in their pick dates and drop fruit when and where needed. These even and balanced weather conditions provided us the framework to make very finely tuned, concentrated and aromatic wines. This is going to be a bountiful vintage full of quality and potential.