



## **2018 BARRETT & BARRETT CABERNET SAUVIGNON** **WINEMAKER NOTES/FACT SHEET**

Barrett & Barrett was founded in 2008 by the husband-and-wife winemaking team of Bo & Heidi Barrett as their first collaborative wine, following parallel careers of more than 30 years in the wine industry. A single wine from a single property, Barrett & Barrett Calistoga Estate Cabernet Sauvignon represents Bo's wine-growing experience gained over decades farming Chateau Montelena's vineyards in the Calistoga AVA (which he helped to gain official AVA status in 2010), and Heidi's expertise in crafting the finest "cult cabs" of Napa Valley (including Screaming Eagle, Dalla Valle, Grace Family, her own brand La Sirena, and numerous others).

### **VINTAGE**

We look back on the 2018 vintage with great fondness – it was a beautiful and even idyllic growing season, blessedly free of the challenges of some other recent years. We had a cooler start to the growing season, leading into a nice warm summer and optimum growing weather. Even during the hotter spells, the cool nights allowed for great flavors and structure to develop. We had healthy, normal crop levels and a slightly later harvest date (late Sept into October). Harvest was slow and steady, with excellent ripening weather throughout. The more leisurely pace allowed for very selective and precise harvest decisions, with a result we are extremely proud of!

### **JUST THE FACTS:**

Harvest Dates: Sept 27, Oct 9 & Oct 20, 2018

Blend: 98% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (To Kalon, See, & 412 clones), 2% Cab Franc

Some Chemistry: 14.8% alc., T.A. 5.7, pH 3.72

100% French oak barrels, 46% new, 22 months

Bottling date: June 23, 2020 Release date: Nov 12, 2021

Production: 284 cases and 90 etched signed 1.5L magnums.

### **TASTING NOTES (11/6/21 BY BO & HEIDI BARRETT):**

*The 2018 Cab is a deep inky garnet color, with enticing aromatics of black currant, ripe cherry, dark plums, licorice and spice, with a lifted floral note and nuances of French Oak. Across the palate, it's smooth, velvety, and elegant, serving up tons of lush berry flavor with complexity, balance, and a long graceful finish. Tannins are soft and integrated, yet present enough to provide body and weight. Showy and already quite approachable as a young wine, it also has great structure that will allow it to evolve in the cellar over the next several decades. An excellent example of why the 2018 vintage is proving to be a favorite among critics and consumers – ripe & powerful but also stately and elegant, 2018 Barrett & Barrett Cab is a stunner across the board.*

*Note: This vintage has an unusual amount of sediment. It is not harmful, but if you prefer, you can decant gently through a fine screen or sieve.*

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