

Forefathers

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Lone Tree, Alexander Valley

CURRENT RELEASE

VINEYARD NOTES

The Lone Tree Vineyard in Alexander Valley sits above the valley floor on one of three unique knolls. The southernmost east-facing knoll allows the grapes to mature in the cool early morning sun, rather than the heat of the afternoon. Longer ripening, the tannins and fruit flavors can come to full maturity here. Fuller flavors, richer tannins and a supple finish makes this one of the true standouts of the region. The Lone Tree Vineyard is a unique place and has been touted as such by some of the most esteemed wine writers.

VINTAGE NOTES

Despite a warm February, the 2018 growing season started off cooler than the past few. A cool spring meant bloom lasted longer, but fruit set was consistent. In fact, it was a near-perfect fruit set which led to large grape clusters. Only minimal heat spikes during the summer resulted in a moderate season with veraison starting later as well. Harvest started two to three weeks later than in recent years, which is historically more typical. Harvesting with cool mornings compared to the heat waves of 2017 was a pleasure, and far less stressful.

TASTING NOTES

Ripe blackberry and black cherry fruit aromas with pronounced French oak. Juicy red and black fruit on the palate with blackberry, blueberry, cassis, and dark chocolate flavors. Smooth and supple tannins, expansive mouthfeel. A nice toasty oak finish.



VINTAGE

2018

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

Alexander Valley

VINEYARD / ELEVATION

Lone Tree, 800 ft

SOIL / PRUNING / TRELIS

Gravel, Cane Pruned, VSO

VINE AGE / ROOSTOCK / CLONE

25 Years, 110R, Jackson

HARVEST DATE / YIELD

Hand-picked 10/4/18, 3.0 tons per acre

ALCOHOL / pH / TA

14.8%, 3.69, 6.2 g/L

FILTERING

Unfined, Unfiltered, Vegan

BARREL

100% French, Tight Grain, 5% New

AGED / CELLARING POTENTIAL

32 Months, 15 Years

CASES PRODUCED

350 12-Packs

WINEMAKER

Nick Goldschmidt



I have found it is impossible for one vineyard site to produce great Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and Shiraz grapes but these are the wines I love to make. The "FOREFATHERS" concept is my salvation because we can farm from separate appellations for each of these three varieties from three vineyards around the New World. - Nick Goldschmidt

