

YARDSTICK

Ruth's Reach, Napa Valley

2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

CURRENT RELEASE

VINEYARD NOTES

A yardstick is an old basis for measurement which can be used as a baseline or reference point. Named for my younger sister Ruth, YARDSTICK Ruth's Reach Cabernet Sauvignon is just that. It's a signature taste of Napa Valley but without a high Napa Valley price. This vineyard is far enough south to receive regular morning fog from the San Pablo Bay, but far enough north to bask in the hot afternoon sun. Cool breezes flow north late in the day, preserving the grapes' acidity and color. The soils here are alluvial browns which product wines that are exceptionally rich with bright acidity and fine tannins.

VINTAGE NOTES

Despite a warm February, the 2018 growin season started off cooler than the past few vintages. A cool spring meant bloom lasted longer than usual, but fruit set was consistent. In fact, it was a near-perfect fruit set which led to large grape clusters. Summer temperatures were on themoderate side with only minimal heat spikes and veraison started later as well. As a result, 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

Yardstick shows medium-garnet color, aromas of chocolate and butterscotch which complement ripe cherry and red berry fruit. Flavors of black cherry and raspberry fill out a rounded palate layered with full yet soft tannins. Caramel, oak, and strawberry fruit in the finish.



VINTAGE

2018

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VINEYARD / ELEVATION

Ruth's Reach, 98 ft

SOIL / PRUNING / TRELLIS

Alluvial Browns, Cane Pruned, Old CA Sprawl, 2 wires

VINE AGE / ROOSTOCK / CLONE

35 Years, 110R, Field Selection

HARVEST DATE / YIELD

Hand-picked 9/14/18, 3.5 tons per acre

ALCOHOL / pH / TA

14.5%, 3.7, 5.4 g/L

FILTERING

Unfined, Unfiltered, Vegan

BARREL

100% French, Tight Grain, 50% New

AGED/CELLARING/POTENTIAL

15 Months, 15-20 Years

CASES PRODUCED

1,500 12-Packs

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$30

WINEMAKER

Nick Goldschmidt

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