



CLOS LACHANCE

VINEYARDS

2018 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon is the king of red wines and at Clos LaChance there is no exception. Cabernet is the largest volume of acreage for a single varietal on our Estate, and that is made up of over 6 different clones on 4 different root stocks. The Estate Cabernet Sauvignon has always been a top performer for quality and is the flag ship for all tiers and of the Clos LaChance portfolio. We stay true to the style that the terroir on our Estate gives us and create an approachable and elegant style of Cab that is crafted for your everyday indulgence. The wine is ready to drink now and can be laid down for several years as well.

HARVEST NOTES

2018 was the second consecutive winter of above average rainfall on the Central Coast of California. The vines now at peak production were thriving in the wet soil profiles and came sprouting out at bud break with a vengeance. Spring was mild with seasonal temperatures and a late May rain was just after fruit set, allowing for a little extra water going in to a below average temperature summer. Only 1 heat spike in the summer gave us ideal ripening conditions for the grapes, and optimal conditions for a slow even set. The harvest was a later than average start, but warm temperatures through the end of October allowed for a prolonged, spread out and outstanding harvest season.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The Cabernet Sauvignon off of the Clos LaChance Estate sits higher in elevation than any other varietal and is high on the hill side. The soils in this area of the vineyard are shallow and rocky allowing for great drainage but harsh conditions for the root structure. This yields lower quantities of grapes but much higher quality and a more complex tannin structure in the skins. The grapes are handpicked and hand sorted prior to a 72 hour cold soak at 40 degrees F. During fermentation the wine is pumped over 4 times per day during peak fermentation to maximize extraction. Post fermentation the wine is held on skins for 48 hours to extend maceration and provide even more color and tannin extraction. The wine is then aged on 30% New French Oak and the remainder is aged on a mix of neutral American and French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Color: Garnet

Aroma: Plum, blackberry, green pepper

Flavor: Fresh blueberries, white pepper, plum

Structure: Medium body, medium tannin, light acid

Pairing: BBQ Tri-Tip, pasta with Italian sausage, hard cheeses

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Vineyard: 100% Estate Vineyards

Blend: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cab. Franc, 5% Petit Verdot, 5% Merlot

Aged: 16 months on 30% New French Oak, 60% Neutral French Oak, 10% Neutral American Oak

Harvest date: 10/11/18-10/30/18

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.5

pH: 3.59

TA: 0.62

Bottling Date: 11/19/19

Alcohol %: 14.5%



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