



2018 BEAR TRACK VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Bear Track Vineyard is planted in three terraced blocks on the eastern hillsides of Napa Valley, just outside of the Howell Mountain AVA. The cool climate and iron-rich, volcanic ash soils result in small, tight clusters of concentrated fruit. Ample hang time before harvest yields a Cabernet Sauvignon with intense, dark fruit flavors and integrated tannins.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2018 growing season kicked off in late February and eased into a mild spring that gave us extended flowering and uniform clusters throughout the vineyard. Summer continued with an even trend, with consistent temperatures allowing fruit to have beautiful, extended hang time. With no heat spikes and we were able to wait patiently for every cluster to achieve perfect phenolic maturity. A no rush approach to harvest allowed fruit to develop beautifully on the vine and the Cabernet came into the winery with mature tannins, great acidity and perfect ripeness.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Our debut vintage from Bear Track Vineyard delivers a wine perfumed with elegant rose petal, blueberry, blackberry and black cassis notes. On the palate, the same elegant floral and fruit notes are found, in tandem with savory elements such as sage and black olive tapenade. This spectacular hillside wine is certain to age with grace over the next several years.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(50% new, 50% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

September 2020

HARVEST DATE

September 27 - October 10, 2018

SKIN CONTACT

10 days

TIME

18 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2017