

# 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa County

#### Over 45 Years of Napa Winemaking Roots...

Napa Valley native and winemaker, Tony Coltrin, brings more than 45 years of winemaking experience to Oberon, with expertise in sourcing quality fruit from the best vineyards in the valley and understanding the region's uniqueness for growing classic Bordeaux varieties. His long-standing relationships with local growers ensure a consistency in the quality of the grapes grown in premier Napa sub-appellations for Oberon.

### Vintage 2018

The 2018 vintage was a wonderful reminder of just how special and ideal a Harvest in Napa Valley can be. The near-perfect growing season started later than previous years and saw ideal weather conditions until the last fruit was resting safely under the watchful eyes of winemaking teams all over the Valley. The challenging heat and drizzly summer days of the 2017 growing season became just a memory as the beautifully set clusters of 2018 fruit ripened evenly in the cool mornings and warm afternoons. The 2018 Vintage saw us harvest our Cabernet vineyards throughout our sub-appellations beginning in mid-September and continuing through the end of October.

#### Napa Vineyards

To create Oberon Cabernet Sauvignon, Tony sourced grapes from throughout Napa's finest winegrowing regions, including Rutherford, St. Helena, Oak Knoll, Yountville, Chiles Valley, Pope Valley and Capell Valley. By layering fruit from Napa's sparse volcanic soils and the deeper alluvial soils of the valley floor, Tony accomplished his goal of marrying many different expressions into one outstanding Cabernet Sauvignon that boasts a beautifully seamless mouthfeel and rich, complex texture and flavors.

## Winemaking

After the grapes were gently hand-harvested, de-stemmed and crushed, the Cabernet Sauvignon fermented in stainless steel tanks with an extended post-fermentation maceration. Malolactic fermentation with French oak, combined with 13 months aging (45% new French oak), helped to marry the wine's flavors and tannins. During blending, Tony looks to other complimentary varieties to help express Oberon Cabernet's lovely flavor and texture. With a kiss of Petite Verdot and a dash of Zinfandel he helped to create Oberon's deep colors, supple silky tannins, and notes of vibrant black cherry, candied blackberry and spices. A hint of coffee and dark chocolate create a lingering and delightful finish.

Blend: 92.7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7.3% other blending varietals

Alcohol 13.7%

TA 5.63 g/L

pH 3.65

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