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2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON | NAPA VALLEY

Grape Varieties

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot, 5% Petite Sirah

Vineyard

The genesis of Emblem Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is in the Michael Mondavi Family Vineyards, nestled along the northeastern hillsides of Napa Valley high above St. Helena. Farmed sustainably and organically, certified Napa Valley Green and Fish Friendly, the vineyards exemplify a generational commitment to responsible farming.

Vintage Notes

February saw abundant rains, followed by lots of filtered light in spring and early summer. Both bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun during the day and cooler marine influences and evenings—for which Napa Valley is known—virtually uninterrupted by any major heat spikes. This created a uniformity across vineyards allowing vintners to mark a slow, steady course in canopy management and other viticulture practices leading up to harvest.

The relatively milder summer followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near-ideal conditions for winemakers to let their fruit accumulate flavor complexity along with a gradual increase in sugar levels. This day-by-day development of soft tannins & bright acids means that we have been able to slowly bring in the grapes at just the right moment, resulting in elegant, opulent, and perfectly ripe fruit.

Winemaking

The grapes are exclusively hand-harvested. During fermentation the colors, flavors, textures and aromas are naturally extracted from the skins. At approximately 14 days, the fermentation is completed, and we drain the tanks, remove the skins and then gently press to capture the remaining juice. It is then transferred into small French oak barrels (66% new French oak) and aged for 18 months.

Blending Notes

Thoughtfully sculpted, the 2018 Emblem Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of three complementary varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon provides the depth and structure; Petite Sirah imparts exotic spices and violet floral attributes, and Petit Verdot ties the blend together with additional structure and a vibrant aroma of primrose and subtle sandalwood.

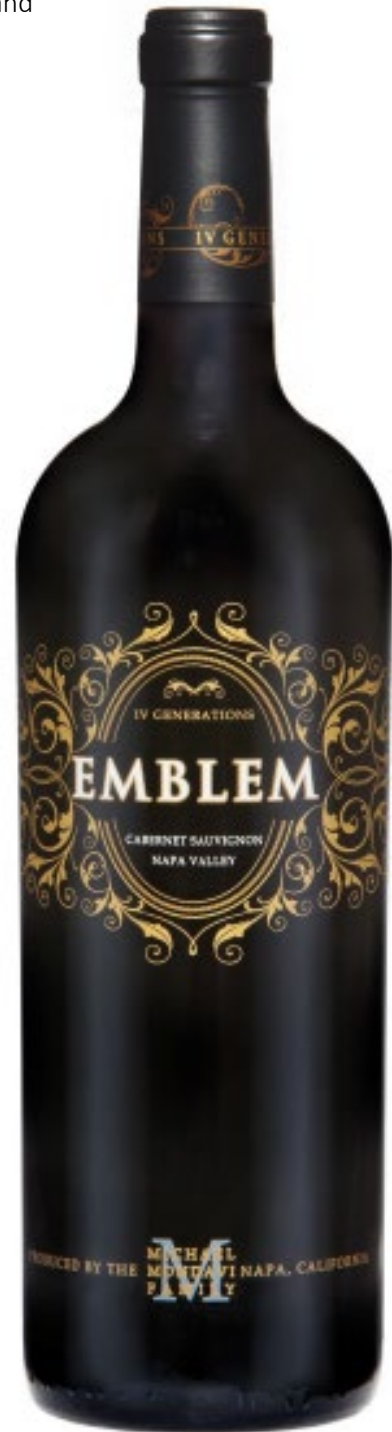
Tasting notes

Just seeing the inky-purple hue of the wine as it is pouring into the glass awakens and excites the senses. The bouquet opens with aromas of black cherry, boysenberry, chocolate-covered espresso bean, and violets with just a touch of cinnamon, mint, and sage lying underneath. These flavors are found on the palate as well, which is rich and full-bodied with a velvety tannin and fresh acidity that lead to the long, lingering finish. Distinct flavors of dark cocoa can be found resonating on the back palate. A wine that drinks beautifully upon release could be cellared 5 to 10 years.

Total acidity: 5.9 g/l | pH: 3.78

ABV: 14.5%

Production: 6,151 Cases



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