

2018

# Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY  
Since 1973

## VACA CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Our Vaca Cabernet has a bright, complex nose of boysenberry, blackberry and perfumed oak with a hint of minerality. On the palate, rich blackberry and cassis are supported by structured tannins. Opulent and dense, the finish is lush, full of dark fruit and sweet oak. This wine will continue to age gracefully in the bottle for another decade.

### VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

Grapes for this complex, robust wine come from three special estate vineyards located along the Vaca mountain range on the east side of Napa Valley. Suscol Springs is the coolest site, its vines planted amid rocky outcrops overlooking the town of Napa. Doggwood, located further north, is a warm bowl like valley with multiple exposures. Dancing Bear, the northernmost site, sits on Howell Mountain at the highest elevations, enjoying a 360-degree exposure. This diverse range of growing conditions allow us to produce a bold, concentrated hillside cabernet with beautiful varietal expression and a well-balanced structure of acidity and tannin.

The 2018 growing season kicked off with plentiful winter rainfall to replenish the soils. Steady vine growth and berry development progressed evenly through the summer months. The vintage was cooler than usual; grapes reached peak maturity with balanced fruit flavors and firm tannins.

### WINEMAKING

We harvest and ferment each of our Vaca range vineyard lots separately. Clusters were hand-sorted and gently destemmed, then whole berries were hand-sorted again. Prior to fermentation, grapes underwent a “cold soak,” which softens the grape skins and further helps extract color, aromas, flavors and tannin. Following fermentation, the wine transferred to French oak barrels (58% new) for 22 months prior to bottling in August of 2020.

### GRAPE VARIETY

92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot,  
2% Cabernet Franc

### VINEYARDS

61% Suscol Springs, 33% Doggwood,  
6% Dancing Bear Ranch, Napa Valley

### HARVEST DATES

September 22 – October 19, 2018

### WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

### NOTES

ALCOHOL 14.9%

ACIDITY 0.63G/100 ml

PH 3.67

BOTTLE August 2020

AGING Aged 22 months in  
58% new French  
oak, 42% neutral  
French oak

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