



# T O U R N E S O L

## 2018 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**APPELLATION:** Coombsville AVA

**VINEYARD:** Tournesol Estate Vineyards

**CERTIFIED LAND:** Fish Friendly Farming & Napa Green

**VARIETAL:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**HARVEST DATE:** October 25 & 29, 2018

**BARREL AGING:** 21 months in new French oak

**PRODUCTION:** 220 cases

**RELEASE DATE:** April 2021

**ALCOHOL:** 14.8%

### TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby with a garnet hue. Intense blackberry, black cherry and blueberry mix with dark chocolate, bramble and clove to present a richly textured and complex wine. Delicate scents of lilac and heliotrope rise above the fruit aromas, while a note of graphite adds intrigue. Enticing and fresh on the palate, a savory, earthy character lends substance to the concentrated fruit and structured tannins. Medium to full-bodied, with a long finish, this wine has all the right elements to age well for 5-20 years.



*Aromas of mulberries, plums, dried herbs, tobacco and baking spices. It's full-bodied with plush tannins. Round and creamy with a chalky texture and cherry finish. Drink from 2023.*

93 PTS. - JamesSuckling.com

### WINEGROWING

Slow and steady best describes the 2018 growing season in the Napa Valley. The season started cool and the largest rain events in March and April allowed the vines to start ample soil moisture. A few brief heat spikes in the summer were followed by a long, slow-paced, abundant harvest with exceptional fruit.

### WINEMAKING

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were hand-harvested in the pre-dawn hours of October 25th and 29th, under clear starry skies. The fruit was immediately taken to the winery, gravity-fed and de-stemmed into small, open-top vinification bins for extended maceration. Each bin received punch-down treatments by hand and was monitored daily by winemakers Ken Bernards and Humberto Ghivarello. Once the wine completed fermentation, it was gently racked into new, thin-staved French oak barrels selected from an array of forests with various toast levels and aged for 18-21 months. Textured and complex, this wine has both freshness and structure to age from 5 to 20 years.

