

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Aquinas Cabernet Sauvignon is vibrant in the glass with bright aromas of fresh mixed berry fruit, raspberry jam, red currant and toasted sweet oak notes. The mouthfeel is soft and lush and leads to a juicy and flavorful palate. This medium-plus bodied wine offers berry fruit character and crushed herb, pencil shavings and baking spice flavors. The wine is a cooler climate style; elegant with a rich texture and integrated, smooth tannins. With 12 months of aging in mostly American oak (30% new), the Cabernet Sauvignon is well-balanced with good acidity and a lingering, flavorful finish. This satisfying wine is pleasant to sip on its own but pairs well with a variety of foods including grilled ribeye steak or roasted leg of lamb.

APPELLATION: NORTH COAST

The backbone of this wine comes from Cabernet Sauvignon grown on Pauli Ranch located in Mendocino county. This cooler climate region gives Cabernet Sauvignon fruit with depth, structure, dark fruit flavor and subtle, complex herb notes. In addition to Mendocino, perfectly ripened fruit from Napa Valley, Lake County, and Alexander Valley compliments the final blend. These additional North Coast appellations bring bright fruit flavors, lush round tannins and good structure throughout.

BRAND PHILOSOPHY

Aquinas wines were born from our conviction that good wine, one of life's simple pleasures, should be easily accessible to all. In championing this philosophy, we didn't take the easy route. We headed straight for the esteemed appellations of the North Coast—Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino counties, where we began crafting luxurious wines that would be priced within reach of most wine drinkers. Aquinas wines are named in tribute of St. Thomas Aquinas, a revolutionary philosopher of the 13th century who used scientific methods to try to prove the existence of a "higher being." Just as St. Thomas sought to question the assumptions of his world, we seek to challenge the assumptions of ours.



VARIETAL BLEND
80% Cabernet Sauvignon
11% Petite Sirah
4% Merlot
3% Cabernet Franc
2% Syrah

APPELLATION NORTH COAST
VINTAGE 2018
ALCOHOL 14.5%
PH 3.64
TA 6.2 g/L