

Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY
Since 1973

2018 SUSCOL SPRINGS CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Our newest Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve wine is sourced exclusively from our Suscol Springs Estate Vineyard in southern Napa Valley. This wine has a complex nose of blackberry, fresh boysenberry, and violet with attractive hints of gravel. On the palate, layered, fresh expressions of blackberry, boysenberry, and black cherry are balanced by fresh acidity and supported by a firm tannic structure. The finish reveals a hint of minerality underlying the deep, dark fruit.

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

Grapevines at our Suscol Springs estate are planted amid rocky outcroppings that overlook the valley floor. The effort to develop roots in these rocky soils creates a beneficial stress that causes vines to yield smaller berries of great concentration, balanced acidity, and supple tannins. This vineyard also experiences warm, sunny days and cool breezes—perfect conditions for ripening Cabernet Sauvignon to beautiful varietal expression.

The 2018 growing season kicked off with plentiful winter rainfall to replenish the soils. The rocky site of Suscol Springs Vineyard allows for good drainage and vines began the growth cycle with just the right amount of moisture. 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 harvested grapes during the cool night hours to ensure the fruit retained freshness, purity, and natural acidity. Clusters were hand-sorted and destemmed, then whole berries were hand-sorted. Partial crush gave us optimum extraction of color, flavor, and tannin from the grape skins. Prior to fermentation, grapes underwent a “cold soak,” which softens the grape skins and further helps extract color and tannin. Following fermentation, the wine was transferred to French oak barrels (70% new) for 22 months.

GRAPE VARIETY

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot

VINEYARDS

100% Suscol Springs Vineyard, Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES

September 25 – October 19, 2018

WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

NOTES

ALCOHOL 14.7%

ACIDITY 0.60G/100 ml

PH 3.62

BOTTLE August 2020

AGING Aged 22 months in 70% new French oak, 30% neutral French oak

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