

LAVA CAP WINERY



2018 ESTATE CABERNET
SAUVIGNON

ABOUT LAVA CAP

Founded in 1981, Lava Cap Winery is a third generation family farm, located in the Sierra Foothills, at an elevation of 2,400FT-2,700ft. The winery and Estate Vineyards are located on a unique outcropping of volcanic soil, the inspiration for the winery's name. The result of elevation and distinct soils are wines that erupt with flavor.

VINEYARD NOTES

Our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is a selection of our best barrels from our oldest Cabernet Sauvignon vines. Planted in 1981, these vines yield a wine that is exceptionally concentrated, elegant, and rich. Picked and fermented separate from our El Dorado Cabernet Sauvignon, our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is the pinnacle of high elevation Cabernet Sauvignon.

The nose is met with dark fruits, including plum and cassis. The rich fruit is followed by aromas of allspice and cedar. In the mouth, the tannins are mouthfilling and plush, offering a rich and distinctly long finish.

WINEMAKER NOTES

When making our Cabernet Sauvignon, year after year there was a corner of our oldest block that produced a wine with exceptional structure and depth. The block planted adjacent to our tasting room on the upper reaches of our Estate vineyard nearly 40 years ago, sits on a particularly rocky outcropping of Lava Cap. It is here, where the Lava Cap soil is the least decomposed, we find the highest expression of the rich flavors our Cabernet Sauvignon is known for.

The grapes were hand-picked over 3 days in late October. The grapes were hand-sorted, destemmed, and lightly broken before entering the fermenter. After a 5 day cold soak, the must underwent fermentation, never exceeding 84 degrees. During fermentation, pump-overs were performed twice a day to gently extract flavors and tannin. The wine was aged in 100% French barriques, undergoing 1 racking prior to bottling. The wine was bottled unfiltered.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: Late October-Early November, 2018

Vineyard: Lava Cap Estate

Elevation: 2,400ft-2,700ft

Aging: 22 Months in French Oak

Cases Produced: 400