



STARMONT VINEYARDS

2018

Cabernet Sauvignon

From the time Starmont first appeared on a label in 1989, the name has been recognized for classically styled varietal wines that are expressive and approachable. Now, nearly 30 years later, led by Winemaker Jeff Crawford Starmont is producing some of their best wines ever as part of the Merryvale Family of Wines. Focused on sustainability and making the highest quality wines, the Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard has been Napa Green Certified since 2007.

Wine Notes

In our continued quest to deliver impressive quality at a reasonable price, we have moved our vineyard sourcing beyond the confines of Napa Valley. In addition to 20% of the grapes from familiar vineyards in Napa, the core of the blend for this 2018 is from vineyards in Alexander Valley, sprinkled with some high elevation fruit from Dry Creek and Yorkville Highlands. The result is a beautiful wine that exhibits the richness, balance, and elegance that is expected from Starmont Cabernet Sauvignon. The nose offers a layered complexity of blackberries, cassis, bramble, and dark chocolate. A fresh entry on the palate is evidence of the fruit's natural acidity, which gives way to flesh and cedar accents on the mid-palate. Present but refined tannins indicate a gentle extraction which has created balance throughout and length on the finish.

Winemaking

We harvest in the early morning to preserve the fresh flavors of the fruit. We use traditional fermentation methods: a 3-day cold soak and 9-day fermentation with the Cabernet Sauvignon and other varietals fermented at approximately 85°F. The wine spent an average of 12 days on the skins and was aged 16 months in a combination of French and American oak (33% new). The wine was bottled without fining.

AVA: Sourced from three North Coast counties: 67% Sonoma, 20% Napa, 13% Mendocino
Composition: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 8% Petite Sirah, 5% Syrah
Alcohol: 13.7%
TA: 5.9 g/L
pH: 3.64