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LUXURY COLLECTION

## 2018 SMALL BLOCK SERIES MALBEC MOUNT VEEDER

VARIETAL: 100% Malbec, Estate Grown APPELLATION: Mount Veeder, Napa Valley HARVEST DATES: October 20 - 22, 2018 ALCOHOL: 14.7% PH: 3.82 TA: 0.61 gms/100mL COOPERAGE: 20 months in 35% New French Oak 657 Cases Produced

#### ARTISTRY IN BOTTLE

Small Block Series wines thrive under next generation leaders Tim and Sabrina Persson. These wines honor winemaking practices that explore distinctive vineyards and artisan techniques. The Small Block Series reflects the next generation's pursuit of state-of-the-art innovations in the winery, and their desire to express the personalities of Napa Valley and Sonoma Coast grapes in bottle.

#### **RESILIENCE IN THE VINEYARD**

Each vintage presents a unique set of challenges and obstacles. Vintage 2018 began with a warm end to February, and spring brought moderate temperatures that progressed into a mild summer. Steady growing conditions continued into the fall with harvest starting slightly later than normal, and in some areas, extending into the first week of November. After such lengthy hang time, the fruit was picked at its peak, promising exceptional flavor in bottle.

#### FROM THE CELLAR

"We are one of Napa's largest Malbec growers, and this Mount Veeder-grown Malbec is one of our most sought after Small Block Series wines. The wine is rich and complex, with a structure and flavors that set it apart. On the nose, delicious aromas of blueberry and warm blackberry pie are accented by elegant floral notes of lavender. The soft and supple entry leads to vibrant flavors of black cherry, black plum and cocoa. This wine delivers a brooding finish with an elegant tannin structure to round out the final sip." – Stephanie Pope, Winemaker

#### CURATED CULINARY PAIRING

Duck, squab and pork, sweet onions, leafy greens, rainbow chard, Bloomsdale spinach, heirloom tomatoes and grain mustard. Young Gouda cheese. - Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

### COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

We are proud to support the Land Trust of Napa County, a community-based nonprofit dedicated to preserving the character of Napa by permanently protecting land.



