

Martin Ray

*2018* 2018 - 2018

CABERNET SAUVIGNON Santa Cruz Mountains

# THE WINE

Always a stark contrast to our Napa Cabernets, this wines depth and boisterousness is its most notable strength.

## SOURCING

Fellom Ranch, Cooper-Garrod Vineyard, Beauregard Vineyard

## VINEYARD NOTES

Sitting at high elevations, each vineyard was planted over 30 years ago and experience impeccable sun exposure with tremendous diurnal shifts in temperature, resulting in small, compact clusters that are intense and concentrated.

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

# VINTAGE NOTES

From start to finish, 2018 was a very steady season, offering weather that was reminiscent of years prior to drought. Higher than average yields and excellent quality brought about a fruitful harvest beginning in late August.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermented in small 4-6 ton open top fermenters, with thrice daily pump overs for cap management. Upon finishing fermentation the wine is allowed to rest on its skins for up to a month. Aged in 50% new French and American oak for 18 months.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

Notes of dense cassis with touches of nutmeg and cherry. Blackberry brush and mountain sage with bright acidity and a touch of graphite. Firm, chalky tannins and well-integrated oak.

#### **RELEASE DATE**

November 2020

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BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.9° pH: 3.77 TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.3 g/L ALCOHOL: 14.3%