

# Martin Ray

VINEYARDS & WINERY

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## 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

DIAMOND MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

*“Very typical for this area of Napa with conifer, pine needles, fresh herbs and currants on the nose, following through to a full body with lots of fruit and a pleasing edge of toasted oak and Spanish cedar. The alcohol comes out a little at the end, but it should balance out nicely with bottle age. Try after 2024.”*



## 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

*“A dense, layered red with blueberry, dark-chocolate and walnut aromas and flavors. It’s full-bodied and tight with wet-earth, forest-floor and cedar undertones. Flavorful and very long. Needs time to open. Try after 2023.”*



## 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

*“Loads of forest floor, mushrooms, leaves and dark fruit on the nose. It’s full-bodied with juicy fruit and chewy tannins. Hints of toasted oak and cedar, too. This is a structured red that needs two or three years to soften, then you can give it a go. Best Santa Cruz Mountain cab for a long time from here. Try after 2023.”*



## 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

OAKVILLE

*“Lots of currants, flowers and dry earth on the nose, following through to a full body with tight, juicy tannins that show so much stone and cement undertones. It sneaks up on the finish with solid structure for aging. Better after 2022.”*



## 2019 CHARDONNAY

CONCRETE - DUTTON RANCH | RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

*“This is a Dutton Ranch chardonnay, showing cooked-apple, lemon and peach character with praline and vanilla undertones. Opulent, yet in check. Full-bodied and layered. Very long and flavorful. No wood here. Fermented and aged in concrete eggs. Such a beautiful and pure single-vineyard Sonoma white. Drink or hold. Screw cap.”*



## 2018 SYNTHESIS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

*“Attractive aromas of currants and blueberries with dried flowers, following through to a full body with firm, chewy tannins that are rather dusty in texture. Hints of sandalwood. Give it a year or two to soften. Drink after 2021.”*



## 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

HOWELL MOUNTAIN

*“Lots of ripe berries and plums with flowers, chocolate and some sandalwood on the nose. It’s medium-bodied with fine tannins and a pretty, fruit and berry character at the finish. Drink or hold.”*