



**2018  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
NAPA VALLEY**

Renowned J2 Vineyard is ideally situated in the Coombsville AVA of Napa Valley's southeast corner, source of some of the Valley's higher toned and more vibrant red wines. Cabernet Sauvignon and other Bordeaux varieties thrive in this slightly cooler region, especially under the watchful eye of its highly respected owners—Jan Krupps and his wife, Jan (hence the name of their vineyard)—and their team of talented growers. Coombsville's moderate temperatures add valuable hang-time for grapes during the growing season, resulting in structured fruit of depth and complexity.

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### GROWING SEASON

2018 seemed to be all about calm and steadiness, especially in relation to the heat spikes of the 2017 and other recent harvests. Abundant winter rains in the early part of the year led to an equal abundance of sunny days through spring and for the remainder of the season. Being in one of Napa Valley's coolest areas, Coombsville saw its share of cool, foggy mornings during those same months, which created the expected even ripening conditions the AVA is known for. Perfect weather continued into the fall, with no heat events, and the '18 vintage was one of the smoothest in memory.

### WINEMAKING

The '18 J Squared Cabernet Sauvignon saw a four-day cold soak after harvest, then took 13 days to complete primary fermentation. For color and tannin extraction, the fruit went through a full two weeks of tank maceration. Malolactic fermentation was then completed in barrel. The wine was aged for 22 months in French oak barrels, 60% of which were new.

### TASTING NOTES

The moderate Coombsville temperatures and growing conditions regularly experienced in the J Squared Vineyard helped us craft an especially elegant, balanced Cabernet Sauvignon in 2018. Initial aromatic notes are defined by black cherry, blackberry, and ripe plum. On the palate, the wine shows a complex combination of berry-cherry, mocha, vanilla, and spice. Fully developed tannins and bright acidity suggest that this Cabernet will be a wine to age for a decade or more.

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### SPECIFICS

**WINE:** 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

**VINEYARD:** J Squared

**AVA:** Coombsville, Napa Valley

**HARVESTED:** 10/26/18

**BRIX @ HARVEST:** 26.2 °

**AGING:** 22 months in new and used French oak barrels (60% new)

**BLEND:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**PH:** 3.74

**TA:** 6.0 g/L

**ALC:** 14.5%

**AROMAS:** Black cherries, plums, blackberries

**FLAVORS:** Mocha, anise, vanilla bean

**PROFILE:** Medium to full bodied with ripe fruit, polished tannins and a lush mouthfeel.

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