

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

COOMBSVILLE

NAPA VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Sources: Nathan Coombs Estate, Flat Rock
- Clonal selection: 4, 337, 169, 214 (cabernet franc), 400 (petite verdot)
- Rootstock: 110r, 3309, 101-14
- Sites: various sites and exposures
- Yield: 3.6 tons/acre

### GROWING SEASON

After 2017 received record-breaking rainfall, 2018 brought another winter with wet weather that continued through February. By early spring, dry and sunny conditions allowed for an ideal fruit set. Mild summer temperatures with no prolonged heat spikes provided an abundant crop, leading us to make up to four yield thinning passes in our vineyards. The moderate temperatures extended into fall, resulting in exceptional phenolic development allowing fruit to slowly mature on the vine. Fruit was harvested a full two weeks later than average, delivering elegant structure, brightness of flavors, and naturally balanced acidity.

### HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest dates: October 16 - 30

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5 day cold soak, 30 day total maceration
- Gentle pumpovers and délestage
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 69% new
- Coopers: Taransaud, Darnajou, Baron, Radoux, Boutes, Marchive, Leroi
- Varietal composition: 85% cabernet sauvignon, 10% cabernet franc, 5% petit verdot
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2019

### TASTING NOTES

We are proud to carry the Coombsville appellation on our label after becoming a pillar of our cabernet sourcing in Napa Valley. The inaugural release presents a deep ruby with violet highlights and scents of wild blueberry, dried lavender, and mocha. A beautiful entry envelops the palate and features generous layers of red currant, black fig, and subtle notes of fresh sage and leather. Fresh acidity wraps around fine-grained tannins providing tension towards the finish, revealing a crushed rock minerality that confers the region's inherent rocky soils.