

QUINTESSA

2018

A Vintage of Perfect Harmony

VINTAGE NOTES:

Coming on the heels of five warm years, the 2018 growing season was even and balanced, beginning with bud break occurring two weeks later than the previous year. The moderate weather set the pace to create healthy canopies and a vineyard graced with mild conditions, a lack of extremes, and an abundance of high-quality fruit. The harmony of the 2018 season allowed for a deeper understanding of how we can continue to evolve our biodynamic farming practices to support the vines growing on Quintessa's diverse soils. Mild weather conditions persisted through harvest, producing clusters of perfect ripeness and acidity, with time for phenolics and flavors to develop without the pressure of increasing Brix. A long and almost leisurely harvest ensued, with time for precise decisions that are evident in the purity and refinement of the 2018 Quintessa.

“This is beautifully polished with firm, dusty tannins to the blue fruit, as well as chocolate and cedar character. Some much earthier character, too, from mushrooms to bark. Forest flowers. Perfumed.

It's full-bodied with round tannins and a soft, creamy finish. So attractive at the finish. From biodynamically grown grapes.”

99 Points — James Suckling, *January 2021*

WINE:

The 2018 Quintessa is a wine of perfect harmony, with deep flavors and elegant layers that are apparent even from a young age. Intense aromas of cassis, black cherry, and raspberry intermingle with savory notes of sage and thyme; the 2018 Quintessa continues to unfold as notes of dark chocolate, graphite and fresh tobacco mingle with the fresh fruit. Precise and dense, the wine shows supple tannin that play with flavors of black cherry, dark chocolate, and crushed rocks. The 2018 Quintessa has a perfect balance of fresh acidity followed by bright fruit and minerality at the finish that portends unparalleled aging potential.

APPELLATION:	Rutherford, Napa Valley
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
BOTTLING DATE:	July 13, 2020
TIME IN BARREL:	20 months
OAK:	62% New French Oak
HARVEST:	September 18 – October 25
SVARIETALS:	92% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Merlot 3% Cabernet Franc 2% Carmenere 1% Petit Verdot



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