



Accendo

Cellars



Napa Valley CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

"A textural, intellectual wine, so beautifully built, quietly confident, distinguished and subtle, with a precise, classic structure. It's like a ballerina: graceful, elegant and refined, but with immense power and strength."

- Nigel Kinsman, winemaker

TASTING NOTES

The nose of this wine is layered and multi-faceted, exploding with savory aromas of cedar, coffee, bay laurel, eucalyptus, rosemary, pine/oak forest, chaparral, and sage, all lifted by a captivating floral perfume redolent of iris and violets. Blue fruit aromas of blackberries and blueberries linger in the background, gradually evolving into notes of loam and clay. In the mouth, the wine shows its incredible energy and vibrancy, power and density. The flavors mirror the aromas of mouthwatering savory notes reverberating with fresh acidity. The wine and the tannins are dense, yet the tannins are super fine grained and resolve effortlessly in the mouth.

PHILOSOPHY

Accendo Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon is an uber blend utilizing impeccable fruit from superior vineyard sites, fashioned in a winemaking style that emphasizes elegance, balance, freshness and finesse. It is a quintessential expression of Napa Valley terroir.

VINEYARDS

Our core Cabernet vineyards are located in the "Gold Coast" of the western bench of Oakville and Yountville, viewed by most locals as the location of Napa Valley's finest sites for growing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon: Vine Hill Ranch, M-Bar Ranch, Sleeping Lady. These core vineyards are complemented and complexed by unique and little-known treasures: Ecotone, Terravina at Upper Range, Diamond Mountain. At Accendo Cellars, we work with owners and growers who sustainably farm their land and believe, as we do, that great wines are made in the vineyard. The vineyards we source today are a testament to that belief, and share some common characteristics:

- Unique terroir, with signature characteristics, found only at that site
- Consistency of the fruit every year
- Ability to produce high quality in challenging vintages

VINTAGE NOTES

2018 in Napa Valley will be remembered as a stellar growing season, a welcome change from some very warm temperatures in previous years; in terms of tons crushed, it was a record-breaking vintage. After soaking rains in March and April, fruitful buds and consistent temperatures during bloom in late May resulted in almost perfect fruit set. Summer months were characterized by mild temperatures, and with veraison finishing in July, the full clusters benefitted from long hang times in cool weather, maintaining their freshness and acidity. Winemakers were giddy with expectation as the generous crop continued to ripen slowly and evenly during superb September weather conditions, delaying the need to harvest.

VARIETAL BLEND

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

HAND HARVESTED

October 1st - October 20th

WINEMAKING

Aged in new and used French oak barrels for 21 months.

ALCOHOL

14.8%

PRODUCTION

995 cases

ACCOLADES

100pts | vinous

98+pts | *Robert Parker*
WINE ADVOCATE

97pts | Wine Spectator



**DIAMOND MOUNTAIN
(FORMERLY REVERIE ESTATE),
DIAMOND MOUNTAIN**

 **CABERNET FRANC**

 **PETIT VERDOT**

**ECOTONE VINEYARD
(FORMERLY THOREVILOS VINEYARD),
NAPA VALLEY**

ST. HELENA

**TERRAVINA VINEYARD,
NAPA VALLEY**

**RANCHO PEQUEÑO,
OAKVILLE**

RUTHERFORD

OAKVILLE

 **CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

**VINE HILL RANCH,
OAKVILLE**

**M-BAR RANCH,
OAKVILLE**

YOUNTVILLE

**SLEEPING LADY VINEYARD,
YOUNTVILLE**

 **CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

OAK KNOLL

**RYAN'S VINEYARD,
OAK KNOLL**


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ACCENDO (Latin, Verb):
TO ILLUMINATE, TO INSPIRE, TO AROUSE

Accendo Cellars is: the Araujo Family's wine brand, made by two generations working together with their longstanding team to honor the winemaking and family heritage of Napa Valley.

The wines of Accendo Cellars are inspired by Napa Valley's early modern era—the 1950s, 60s and 70s—derived from grapevines rooted in some of the finest vineyard sites and nurtured by growers devoted to the land. The Accendo wines express the nobility and purity of the terroir the Araujos have long admired about this region.

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