

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2018 LINDA'S HILLSIDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: The Estate Linda's Hillside Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. The prime hillside vineyard on the Darms Lane estate is named in honor of Linda Bump co-owner of Darms Lane who passed away in 2007 from ovarian cancer. It is the finest wine we make – a tribute to her.

APPELLATION: Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

GROWING SEASON NOTES: Drier winter weather and a warm start to February brought the prospect of an early budbreak, but temperatures turning cooler in latter February and a much needed wetter March pushed the budbreak for the Cabernet Sauvignon to the first part of April. The season progressed nicely with optimal weather during flowering and fruit set in early June. Clear skies and mild temperatures in July and August buoyed our optimism for long and even ripening and an extremely high quality vintage. A gentle warming trend the second half of September pushed us nicely along. A couple of brief showers the first week in October settled the dust, but did no damage to the fruit. Ideal weather continued past the middle of October, allowing the fruit to hang about two weeks longer than typical and achieve optimal ripeness.

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 21 months in Oak – 45% new: 100% French Oak

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES: Our 2018 vintage has notes of blackberry, cassis, vanilla, black cherry and hints of toasty oak. The palate has flavors of berry and plum with subtle hints of bittersweet chocolate and coffee. The 2018 is rich and concentrated with a plush mouthfeel and a balanced acidity. Long finish. We recommend some cellaring and an aerative decanting through 2024. The density of the palate, the ripe fruit, and slightly savory profile make it an ideal pairing for grilled meats and hearty dishes.

PRODUCTION: 73 cases