



2018 Aril Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



ARIL is a family-owned winery founded in 2008 by Harmon and Joanne Brown, and ten years later, the Jay family purchased the brand. They were inspired to produce a small amount of premium, hand-crafted wines based on their years of experience working and drinking some great classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon made by my friend and mentor Tony Soter, Founder and Winegrower of Etude Wines. In fact, “aril” is the seed of the pomegranate fruit. Renowned winemaker and viticulturist Ehren Jordan (Failla/Turley) took over as winemaker/vineyard consultant in 2014 from previous winemaker Nate Weis (Silver Oak) and viticulturist Mike Wolf (Beckstoffer). We have maintained a simple philosophy of procuring optimal grapes and respecting them in the winery. A minimalist approach follows the winery’s distinct sites and exceptional farming, showcasing place, balance, and elegance.

Winemaking Notes

90% Cabernet Sauvignon & 10% Petit Verdot (Co-Fermented)
(20% Barrel Fermented)

50% new French oak barrels (Taransaud, Remond, Ermitage, & Atelier) for 30+ months

888 cases produced	Alc.: 14.9%	pH: 3.68
Viticulturist: Ehren Jordan	Fermenting Winemaker: Peter Heitz	Blending Winemaker: Mark Cummins

Vineyard and Vintage

The Estate Vineyard is located in the Calistoga AVA. It is north of the town, surrounded by rolling hills and in view of Mt. St Helena. Calistoga has **the most considerable diurnal temperature variation among Napa Valley AVAs**. Yields are small (2 to 3 tons per acre). Ehren Jordan has farmed this property organically since 2011. The harvest and vintage year 2018 in Napa Valley was nothing short of exceptional, leaving winemakers and wine enthusiasts alike in awe of the quality and depth of the wines produced.

Tasting Notes

Our 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon is our final tribute to the power and boldness of the Estate Vineyard in Calistoga in the Napa Valley. Its inky, almost opaque appearance foreshadows the intensity that awaits. The nose is an explosion of dark fruit, with blackcurrants and blackberries leading the charge, accompanied by hints of espresso and vanilla. On the palate, it commands attention with its robust structure and flavors of black cherry, plum, and licorice. Toasted oak and a touch of dark chocolate weave in, adding richness and depth. The finish is bold, leaving a lasting impression of strength and finesse. This bottle will age for the next 3 - 5 - 15 years.

