



2018 ANDRONICUS NAPA VALLEY

NAPA VALLEY “BORDEAUX” BLEND

Winemaking can be magic when the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. That’s why we created Andronicus, a perfect blend of the five Bordeaux that together form a dynamic wine and mouthwatering value. Young vine fruit from our Estate Vineyards form the backbone of this vivacious wine. Bright, crisp, Merlot from the Carneros Hills adds herbed cherry fruit note and silky texture, red currant spiced Malbec from Calistoga provides aromatic lift, and the Petite Verdot from the eastern foothills gives the wine a dark spice bite in the finish. It’s an ideal Napa Valley blend for both the wine connoisseur and novice alike.



APPELLATION: Napa Valley | **WINEMAKER:** Stephen Cruzan
BOTTLED: June 2018 | **BARREL AGING:** 22 months in barrel

BLEND:
29% Merlot
26% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Malbec
10% Petit Verdot
10% Petite Sirah
5% Cabernet Franc

VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season returned to low-rainfall conditions, with two thirds the normal precipitation for the St Helena area. Fortunately, ample rainfall came in March and April to recharge the soil and pushed off budbreak a couple of weeks.

Bloom occurred just a little behind schedule, in late May and early June, but resulted in full cluster formation. Moderate temperatures during the summer growing season kept the vines stress-free and resulted in plump berries and full clusters.

WINE PROFILE

The 2018 Andronicus is a wine that well represents the Bordeaux Blend profile that this program exemplifies. Aromatics of concentrated raspberry, chocolate dust and crushed flower petal are followed by a flavor profile of spiced fruit, raspberry compote and hints of vanilla and crème brûlée. As is customary, the concentrated mid-palate and round tannins make this wine delicious upon release, while giving it the ageability one would expect from a fine Napa Valley blend.