

# CHATEAU ST JEAN

## 2018 EIGHTY-FIVE-FIFTY-FIVE

RESERVE CUVÉE

SONOMA COUNTY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

### VINEYARDS

First offered in 1999, this red blend is a tribute to our Sonoma Valley home, and the label is actually our address on the Sonoma Highway. Our long history in Sonoma County is reflected here, with each vintage allowing for a blend which is both a tribute to the vintage and the varied growing regions within Sonoma County. Exceptional Reserve lots that showcase the terroir of each region are carefully selected, aged separately and then assembled into a master blend allowed to rest and gain complexity prior to bottling.

### VINTAGE

A near perfect season, welcomed after several tense vintages, began with abundant February rains followed by drying sun and weather that allowed for even flowering and bud break. The slightly later start was followed by consistently ideal weather, with harvest later in September, resulting in fruit with great flavor and complexity.

### WINEMAKING

This Bordeaux-based cuvée is comprised of Merlot (25%), Cabernet Franc (20%), Cabernet Sauvignon (19%), Petit Verdot (18%), and Malbec (6%), with 12% Syrah added for its dark color and ability to amplify the full-body structure of the wine. This blend is a true representation of the artistry of winemaking, deeply layered and intentional, having undergone weekly bâtonnage for 27 months in French oak barrels prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Each offering of this unique reserve blend shows a distinct personality, influenced by the selection of varietals, growing region and vintage. The 2018 is bursting with opulence. Aromas of black cherry, roasted meat, hints of black olive and violet lead to a rich, juicy palate and decadent cocoa finish.

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APPELLATION	Sonoma County
VARIETAL	25% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Petit Verdot, 12% Syrah, 6% Malbec
OAK	100% French oak, 23% new
AGING	27 months
ALCOHOL	14.7%
T.A.	5.7 g/L
PH	3.71