

# SULLIVAN<sup>®</sup>

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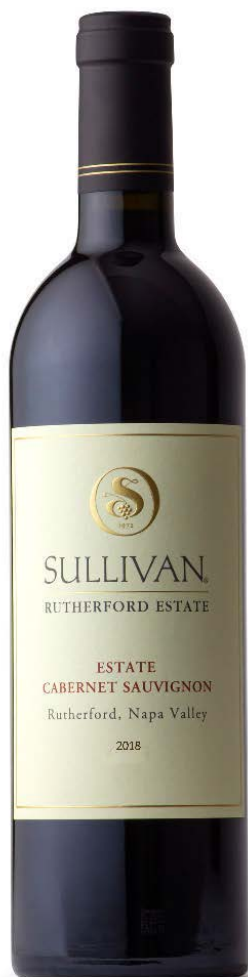
## RUTHERFORD ESTATE

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### 2018 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**Vintage Summary:** By all accounts, 2018 was a fantastic vintage in the Napa Valley. Two years removed from drought, there was ample rain early in the year. A cool, mild spring caused bud break and flowering to be slightly behind previous years. Due to the moisture in the ground, the vine canopy became robust as temperatures started to climb, resulting in an ideal, even fruit set. The growing season was relatively mild, with no major heat spikes or rain events. These perfect conditions allowed the grapes to gradually accumulate flavor and complexity over the course of the growing season. Most Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were picked in the middle of September all the way through October. The seamless season of extended hang time led to Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot wines with optimal phenolic development, complexity and concentration.

**Winemaker Notes:** The 2018 Sullivan Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is representative of the qualities that have distinguished Sullivan's Cabernet Sauvignon for nearly five decades. This wine is generously aromatic with notes of Luxardo cherries, currants, dried orange peel and bay leaf. Savory notes also include star anise, forest floor and vanilla. On the palate, soft, supple tannins and a coating essence of dark chocolate meld with juicy dark blue and black fruit flavors. Each element in this wine merges harmoniously into a long and pleasurable finish.



**APPELLATION:**  
Rutherford

**VARIETALS:**  
91% Cabernet Sauvignon  
9% Petit Verdot

**WINEMAKER:**  
Jeff Cole

**RETAIL:**  
\$140

**VINEYARD:**  
Sullivan Estate

**PRODUCTION:**  
385 cases

**BARREL AGING:**  
20 months French Oak  
82% New

**ALCOHOL:**  
14.8%

**WINE ENTHUSIAST**  
94 Points  
Cellar Selection

**JEB DUNNUCK**  
94 Points