



2018 DYER Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley

Site Description: Dyer Vineyard is a 2.3 acre vineyard situated on a bench, mid-slope on Diamond Mountain. The exposition is north facing and the slope is 7-10%. The site is probably an ancient land slide- rocky with fine volcanic soil and gravel ranging from ash to richer red soils. The site was planted to vineyard in 1993 by Bill and Dawnine Dyer.

Winemaking Philosophy: We favor a restrained, balanced style of winemaking that cultivates the unique characteristics of our vineyard. Over 25 years we have refined the varietal selection in our vineyard on Diamond Mountain to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. We employ a short (3-5 day) cold soak prior to the fermentation, both pump-overs and punch-downs are employed at the height of fermentation. A basket press is used to insure a gentle pressing. The wine is put directly into French oak barrels where ML takes place and is aged in French oak for a total of 20 months.

Vintage Notes: 2018 started with a now typical warm February with temperatures in the 80s than cooled thru March, April and into mid-May. June and July proved to be the warmest months with Aug and Sept, the critical post veraison months, hovering between 80-90 degrees. October lingered warm, with one small rain event early in the month, picking decisions were easy and leisurely and harvest lingered into early Nov. At Dyer we picked on October 8 with perfect maturity and good flavor development.

Tasting Notes: The 2018 is an expressive version of our Cabernet blend- richly aromatic with currents, plums, hint of violets and savory notes of sage. Deep, dark and full flavored. A classic Napa vintage.

Blend: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon
8% Cabernet Franc
7% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.3%
pH: 3.83
TA: 6.4 g/l

260 cases made

Winemakers: Bill & Dawnine Dyer

