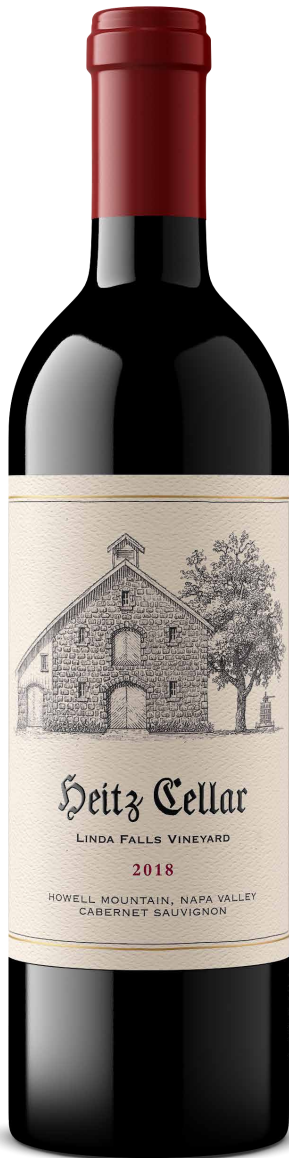


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Heitz Cellar

NAPA VALLEY

2018 LINDA FALLS CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Perched atop Howell Mountain, Linda Falls Vineyard has a unique topography that allows it to deliver a distinct expression of mountain terroir in our classic Heitz style. The vineyard sits at roughly 1,500 feet above sea level with an abundance of volcanic material in the soil and bedrock. These conditions create an environment where Cabernet Sauvignon struggles and develops much thicker skins than we see from valley floor fruit. Aged for two years in our cellar followed by two years in bottle, this wine was aged for immediate pleasure and will continue to reward for the next 15+ years.

VINTAGE NOTES

Plentiful rain in late winter was followed by a moderate spring, resulting in a later budbreak and flowering, but ideal weather in May provided a generous and even fruit set. The summer of 2018 brought idyllic growing conditions with perfect temperatures during the day, followed by a strong marine influence from the San Pablo Bay with very cool temperatures at night. This combination maintained perfect acidity levels in the fruit while also allowing us to hang the fruit for longer and a later start to harvest. This resulted in wines with incredible concentration, depth of flavor, and freshness. The quality of wine from this vintage is something we are lucky to see once in a decade and we look forward to watching these wines evolve for decades to come.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Vineyard Details

Size: 7.4 Acres | **Vine Age:** 19 years
Clones: CS 337 | **Soil:** Forward silt loam, Aiken loam | **Elevation:** 1460-1520' | **Training Method:** Cane pruned, VSP

Cultivation

Certified CCOF organic, Demeter
Biodynamic Certification

Varietal Composition & AVA

100% Cabernet Sauvignon |
Howell Mountain AVA

Aging Regimen

Aged for three years in a combination oak casks, used and new French oak barrels, ranging from 228L to 12,000L. Followed by two years of bottle aging before release.
Coopers: Demptos, Treuil, Teonnellerie O

Pack Size

6/750ml

Alcohol

14%