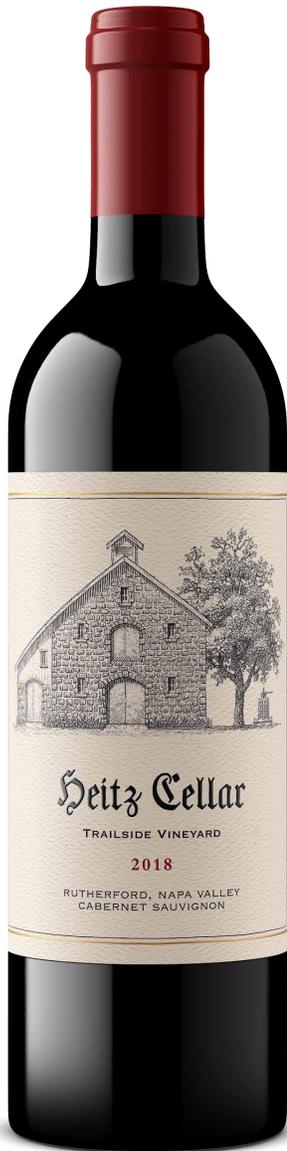


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Heitz Cellar

NAPA VALLEY

2018 TRAILSIDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Located at the base of the Vaca Mountain range along the eastern edge of Rutherford, the Trailside Vineyard captures the heart of Rutherford terroir, vinified in our classic Heitz style. The well-drained volcanic soil of this parcel allows the vineyard to convey the essence of the growing season, year after year. Trailside consistently displays vibrant notes of rustic red fruit, rosemary, sage, and thyme, which are all supported by mouthwatering tannins and a soft, elegant finish. Aged for three years in our cellar followed by one year in the bottle, this wine was created with your immediate enjoyment in mind and will continually evolve over the next 20+ 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: 78 Acres | **Vine Age:** 10-19 years
Clones: CS 4, 6, 7, 337, 412, 685, 29, 30, 5197. SB Musque, CF 327, 623 | **Soil:** Cortina gravelly loam, Boomer-Forward-Felta Complex, Perkins gravelly loam, Bale clay loam, Pleasanton Loam, Yolo Loam | **Elevation:** 150-200' | **Training Method:** Method Cane pruned Elkhorn, GDC, VSP

Cultivation

Certified CCOF organic, Demeter
Biodynamic Certification

Varietal Composition & AVA

100% Cabernet Sauvignon |
Rutherford AVA

Aging Regimen

Aged for three years in a combination oak casks, used and new French oak barrels, ranging from 228 to 12,000L, followed by one year of bottle aging before release.
Coopers: Mercier, Bordelaise, Marchive

Pack Size 6/750ml

Alcohol 14%