

ERA Napa Valley 2018

WINEMAKER NOTES

2018 was a dream growing season and harvest for Napa Valley. An abundance of rain in February was followed by continuous days of sunshine and mild temperatures that made for uniform vines and even cluster growth. With no major heat spikes to contend with, there was no need to rush through harvest. Cooler temperatures allowed us to pick when we wanted, without stress and under optimal conditions. The gift from Mother Nature translated to wines that not only have great concentration but also an amazing freshness.

VINEYARD NOTES

ERA, our flagship wine, represents the highest level of dedication to handcrafting a wine which serves as the confluence of Old World traditions and New World techniques. Our winemakers create a wine which highlights the exceptional diversity of Napa Valley terroir. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon ranging from mountain to valley floor, ERA is barrel-fermented and not fined. Our unique style of blending Cabernet Sauvignons from various terroirs presents a wine with the perfect balance of depth, intensity and elegance.

ON THE NOSE	Complex expression with notes of dark fruits, crispy meringue, vanilla beans, underbrush, pencil shavings, almond paste, poire belle-Hélène, pipe tobacco, lavender, violets, lilacs, hyacinth, licorice, leather, hints of paprika
ON THE PALATE	Silky entrance with soft evolution carried by fine granular tannins, notes of milk chocolate, sour cream, cookie dough, bay leaf, coffee, cedar, grilled meat, camphor, toasted bread, dark cherry, blackberry jam, pomegranate
BLEND	92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot
FERMENTATION	100% barrel fermented
AGING	22 months in French oak, 80% new, 20% I-year-old barrels



ABOUT ALPHA OMEGA

Established in 2006, Alpha Omega's mission is to create artisanal wines drawing on Old World vineyard handcrafted practices and emphasis on unique terroir driven characteristics that reveal a sense of place combined with New World technology and science. The family-owned, boutique winery in the heart of Napa Valley on the Rutherford Bench is honored that its estate is considered one of the top wineries in the region.