

2018 JACK LONDON CABERNET SAUVIGNON



For over 40 years, Kenwood Vineyards has exclusively crafted wine from the single vineyards of Jack London's historic ranch. Each varietal captures Sonoma Mountain's unique character garnering an extraordinary and enduring appeal.



JACK LONDON VINEYARD

Since our first vintage from the Jack London Ranch in 1976, it has proven itself as an outstanding producer of exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon. Located midway up the Eastern flanks of Sonoma Mountain it has a long mild growing season that creates fruit with complexity and balance. The influence of the vineyard's red volcanic soil and the fruity characteristics of the grapes combine to produce an outstanding, very distinctive Cabernet Sauvignon.

FROM THE WINEMAKER

2018 had a cool Spring and mild summer which resulted in slow ripening until a heat spike around Labor Day accelerated ripening. Immediately after, the weather returned to mild temperatures again, allowing the grapevines to recover. Individual blocks at Jack London vineyard were picked at the peak of ripeness between September 25th and October 2nd. After an average of 16 days of fermentation on the skins, the lots were then individually pressed off and settled before being transferred into barrels for 30 months of aging.

WINEMAKING DETAILS

Composition: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot
Appellation: Sonoma Mountain
Acidity/pH: 6.9 / 3.63
Alcohol: 14.8%

Oak regimen: Combination of French, American and Hungarian oak. 30% new barrels.

Cellaring potential: Excellent now, peak of flavor will be reached in 3-10 years

VINEYARD DETAILS

Altitude: 555'

Climate: Early morning fog and warm to hot afternoons

Soil: Speckles loam/Goulding clay loam

Harvest method: Hand (night + day)

TASTING NOTES

In the nose there are many fruit aromas like black currants, cherry and crème de cassis as well as some cinnamon and hints of pine. There are layers of Earl Grey tea in the nose and in the palate. In the palate there's a burst of juicy blackberries, with round tannins and Girl Scout thin mint cookies in the finish with good length.



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