



2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - DRY FARMED SONOMA MOUNTAIN

JACK LONDON VINEYARD

Located in the Sonoma Mountain AVA above the dense fog level, the Jack London vineyards are one of the most unique terroirs in California. Influenced by Jack London's passion for improving the land and farming sustainably, the steeply terraced vineyards benefit from morning sun followed by indirect light in the heart of the afternoon. The long, cool growing season of this area creates a beautiful complexity and balance in the fruit.

DRY FARMING

The vineyard blocks for this wine are located at the highest elevation of the ranch and are farmed without irrigation. The only source of water comes from natural rainfall and an underground mountain spring, allowing the wine to express its full potential of flavor.

FROM THE WINEMAKER

The 2018 vintage was mild and dry leading to a more historically average picking date. Much of the Cabernet Sauvignon at Jack London was picked at the end of October but dry-farming led to concentrated fruit at an earlier date leading to an October 6th pick date.

Due to the tannic nature of these grapes, we pressed the wine off the skins after only 13 days instead of the usual 20 days of maceration. The wine aged 17 months in oak barrels (60% new) with the majority of French oak from two coopers Nadalie and Berthomieu.

Aromas of blackcurrant and dried blueberry are combined with subtle notes of spicy dried bay leaf and black pepper. The palate shows great texture with cocoa powder tannin, black plum and caramel fried sage. A truly age-worthy wine.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Sonoma Mountain
Harvest Date	6 October 2018
Harvest Method	Hand picked pre-dawn
Fermentation	13 days on the skins
Cooperages	60% New, 54% French, 24% Hungarian, 22% American oak
Aging	17 months oak barrels
Acidity/pH	5.6g/L / 3.85
Alcohol	14.1%



Jack London contemplating his beauty ranch. 1913

"I had noticed the way the soil was washed down the hillside by the rains and I determined to prevent that by grading the land making it over into rolling contours and abrupt terraces... I believe the soil is our greatest asset."

– Jack London