



## 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

Estate Vineyard, Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley

With a passion for wine and a desire to produce small quantities of handcrafted wines from the most distinctive and promising vineyards in Napa Valley, Proprietors Julie and Justin Arbuckle formed Anthem Winery in 2009. Their guiding principle is simple- only the highest quality, from vine to bottle.

Crafting Anthem's ultra-premium wines is Winemaker, Jeff Ames. An explosive talent, Jeff has made some of California's most acclaimed wines from some of Napa Valley's most notable vineyards. Estate Vineyard Manager is John Anthony Truchard. John brings a rare skillset as he is an experienced viticulturist, an expert vineyard manager, and personally familiar with Napa's top vineyards.

### About the Vineyard

The Anthem estate vineyard is nestled in Napa's western hillsides at just 400 feet elevation, at the base of the Mt. Veeder AVA. With six acres under vine, the vineyard produces Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Merlot. Optimal sun exposure and excessively drained Mayacamas series soil help create the distinct fruit flavors Mt. Veeder is well known for and unparalleled estate wines year after year.

### About the Vintage

The 2018 vintage in Napa Valley has been dubbed by wine critics as an especially remarkable vintage of drinkability and balance. An ideal growing season, followed by a slow and steady harvest allowed grapes to achieve perfect ripeness, resulting in bright fruit flavors, balanced acidity, and concentrated color.

### Winemaking

The 2018 Mt. Veeder Estate Vineyard Cabernet is comprised of 85.7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5.8% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot, and 3.5% Merlot. It is unfinned and unfiltered to maintain the natural flavors and aroma of the wine and was barrel fermented in 100% new French Oak (60% Daranjou, 30% Taransaud, and 10% Ermitage coopers) for 18 months. It further develops in the bottle for an additional 27 months before release, allowing the intense mountain fruit and robust tannins the ideal time to settle and soften. Only 800 cases were produced in the 2018 vintage.

"Richly fruity, with a deep well of boysenberry, fig and blackberry compote notes that won't quit, pumping along while licorice, fruitcake and ganache notes fill in. This has a roasted apple wood frame and a late tug of cast iron, which keep it all grounded. Best from 2024 through 2036."

**Wine Spectator, 94 points**

"Structured, with grip and length, this wine is ripe and rich in style with tremendous tannins. Chalky in texture, it provides layers of cassis, vanilla and clove, with the mountain appellation's signature earthiness and herbal undertones. This will do well to cellar; enjoy best from 2028-2038."

**Wine Enthusiast, 95 points**



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