

CALCAREOUS

VINEYARD



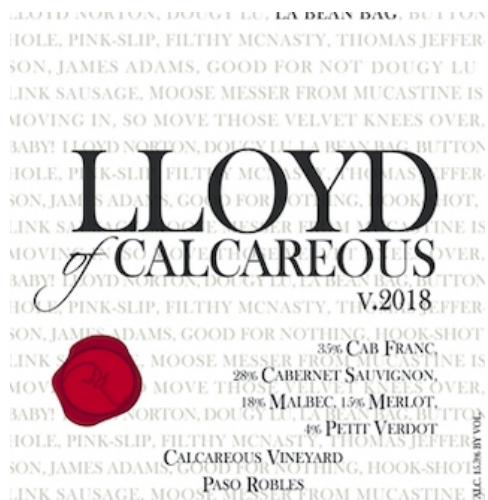
Lloyd of Calcareous 2018 – La Bean Bag Calcareous Vineyard

Lloyd Messer always envisioned the Calcareous Vineyard site as being a classic producer of Bordeaux varietals. This Estate blend is an annual confirmation of that vision. Highlighting our plantings of Merlot, Cab Franc, Malbec, Petit Verdot as well as Cab Sauv. This wine is a testament to our sites ability to produce transcendent examples of a wide range of varietals.

Vineyards and Vintage

The chalky soils of the Calcareous Vineyard produce fruit forward wines balanced by firm backbones of tannin and acid. This play between richness and structure is most prominent in the Bordeaux varietals and especially in this blend. 2018 was by all accounts and absolutely perfect vintage. Decent rainfall and consistently mild temperatures

back by plenty of sunshine produced ripeness levels that you dream of. Nothing was too stressful for vines or vintner, and the harvest progressed on an ideal timetable. It was almost too easy to make great wine, which is the magic of this vineyard.



Blend	35% Cab Franc, 28% Cab Sauvignon, 18% Malbec, 15% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot
Harvest	September 3- October 20
Avg Brix	26.6
pH	3.59
Cooperage	40% French Cavin, Orion and Atlier, 60% Neutral French Blend
Aging	18 Months
Production	840 Cases

Winemaking Notes

Each of these varietals ripen at a different time in the vineyard, thus each is handled separately during harvest, with blending taking place after completion of primary fermentation. This form of treatment also allows for a full sensory evaluation of the young wines before they are deemed acceptable for inclusion in the Lloyd blend. Bordeaux varietals demand an oxygen rich environment for fermentation, thus each lot was open top fermented with twice daily pump overs and délestage performed as necessary to

fully realize extraction. After pressing, free-run and press fractions were evaluated for proper balance and were then combined to form a final blend for aging.

Tasting

Emits rich aromas of plum, raspberry and rocky loam. Surprising upfront softness frames a palate full of black cherry and currants with hints of sweet tobacco and classic Calcareous cacao. The mid palate tannins bring chalky texture to the overall richness creating a namesake wine that pairs perfectly with Lloyd's short ribs.