

# CALCAREOUS

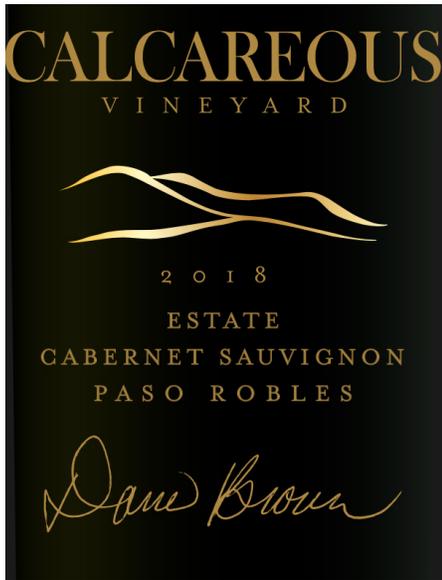
VINEYARD



## Signature Cabernet Sauvignon

2018

Calcareous Vineyard – Paso Robles



The Signature Cabernet from our Estate is a wine made to showcase what is possible with no regard to constraints. In the vineyard and in the cellar, all ideas are used no matter the cost, labor, or time required. Each year, this wine will represent the best possible outcome of what we and our site can produce.

### Vineyards and Vintage

Sealed with the signature of our owner Dana Brown, this wine is built from the best blocks of Cabernet from our Estate. For 2018 we used Block 7 planted in 2002 with clone 15 and Block 17 planted in 2014 with a blend of clone 337 and 412. The 2018 vintage was one that winemakers dream about. All aspects of the growing and ripening season were “by the book” and it took little effort to produce and pick perfect grapes. This wine embodies what our vineyard is capable of producing when conditions are ideal.

### Winemaking Notes

The fruit was handpicked and cluster sorted before de-stemming. The uncrushed whole berries were then placed into new French oak barrels with the heads removed. The fermentation took place inside the barrels, with mixing and punchdowns performed 3 times daily by the winemaker. Upon completion of primary fermentation, the barrels were temporarily sealed and the wine allowed to sit on the skins for a total of 47 days. The act of fermenting in barrel allows for 100% new

oak to be used without the oak profile becoming a dominant feature. The grapes were then dug out by hand, gently pressed, and the wine racked back into the same barrels with the heads now replaced.

Blend	92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot
Harvest	October 3-21, 2019
Avg Brix	26.3
pH	3.49
Cooperage	100% New French Orion, Gamba
Aging	32 Months
Production	95 Cases
Range	Best from 2022-2030

### Tasting:

Shows a dark blend of ruby and purple in the glass with a nose full of boysenberry and earthier notes of dusty loam. The rich cabernet flavors accented by the Calcareous acidity form the core of the palate while showing off the classic cacao

flavors our soil imparts on Cabernet. The hint of Merlot keeps this wine from being an overwhelming heavyweight by adding nuanced spice and smoother edges to the tannins. This wine is a true testament to the terroir of the Calcareous Vineyard.