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Blend 26

cabernet sauvignon
cabernet franc
petit verdot

2018

The Blend 26 unites Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petite Verdot, three powerhouses in their own right. The 2016 Blend 26 unites these varietals to create an elegant yet bold “left bank” Bordeaux style red blend. Hours upon hours of assemblage take place prior to determining the composition of this special wine. Carefully integrated, we believe the whole surpasses the sum of its parts.

Winemakers Notes



Explosive, classic Cabernet Sauvignon notes of dried cherries, black currants, and cassis are followed by subtle undertones of sweet tobacco and cedar box. The rich and smooth palate is laden with intricate layers of black cherry, bramble berry, dark cocoa and espresso bean. Blend 26 is a wine crafted to seduce the palate from the first encounter.

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Vintage Notes



After a winemaker's vintage in 2017 the 2018 growing season was idyllic. It delivered a consistent growing season, followed by a long, slow-paced harvest. The near picture-perfect growing season began in late February. Spring was mild, with extended flowering yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained steady and warm throughout the growing season, without any significant heat spikes, making for a cool, unhurried harvest.

Pairing Insights



An extraordinary culinary partner to Blend 26 is Chef Derek Kuntz's Red Wine Risotto. The wine and the dish play beautifully off one another and make for a powerful combination.