

## 2018 THE GRADE CELLARS "Kingly Project" Cabernet Sauvignon



Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Napa Valley | Calistoga Sub-AVA

Proprietors: Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton

Winemaker: Thomas Rivers Brown

Release Date: March 2021

Release Price: \$165 retail per 750ml

Vineyard: Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown)

Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA

Harvest Date: Block 5 – October 23, 2018

Vines: Block 5 – Clone 337 on R/S SO4

Cooperage: 100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac (100% new)

Aging: 19 months; Bottled May 27, 2020

Panel: 14.7% Alcohol; 3.87 pH; 5.9 g/L Titratable Acidity

Production: 100 cases

## **Winemaker's Tasting Notes:**

"Offering up an enveloping array of rich fruit, earth, and spice notes, this vintage of the Kingly Project Cabernet Sauvignon enters the scene in full regalia.

"This wine exhibits a dark purple hue in the glass with a deep violet rim. Decadent aromas swell from the glass expressing notes of baking chocolate, sandalwood, plum extract and spice dusted blackberry compote. The mouth feel is viscous and sleek, layered with notes of macerated boysenberry, pine bough, cassis, oolong tea, nutmeg and blueberry paste.

"The back end of the palate features a medium framed tannin structure that will provide this wine a good amount of life in the cellar. Coupled with a mouth-coating and saturated set of fruit and earth notes, this is a noble expression of Cabernet Sauvignon."

-- Thomas Rivers Brown