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2018 THE GRADE CELLARS “Winfield Vineyard” Cabernet Sauvignon



Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley Calistoga Sub-AVA
Proprietors:	Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton
Winemaker:	Thomas Rivers Brown
Release Date:	September 2020
Release Price:	\$110 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown) Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA
Harvest Date:	Block 1 – October 23, 2018 Block 5 – October 23, 2018
Vines:	Block 1 – Clone 7 on R/S 110R; Block 5 – Clone 337 on R/S SO4
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac (60% new)
Aging:	19 months; Bottled June 20, 2020
Panel:	14.5% Alcohol; 3.86 pH; 5.9 g/L Titratable Acidity
Production:	320 cases

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

“The growing season in 2018 showcased what makes growing wine grapes in Napa Valley so accommodating, warm even temperatures during the day with crisp, cool nights. Going into the fall, we experienced extended hang time on the vine, allowing for full phenological maturity. The result is a statuesque and layered wine from the Winfield vineyard.”

“The wine displays a completely opaque purple-black hue in the glass. There is a wealth of aromatic expression that offers up notes of cedar bark, lilac, cinnamon stick, cassis reduction, tar, and spearmint. The palate experience is a vivid tapestry of notes that suggest macerated blackberry, lavender oil, crushed rock, rose hips and quince paste. With a wine that has so much nuance to unfurl, a generous decant or 3-5 years in the cellar will allow it to show its full, true self.”

-- Thomas Rivers Brown, Oct. 2020