



# Harlan Estate

A monumental expression of Napa Valley, the 2018 Harlan Estate seamlessly marries power and finesse, offering a wine of profound depth and elegance.



## Harlan Estate 2018

California, USA

### Region and Vineyards

Situated in the western hills of Oakville, Napa Valley, Harlan Estate encompasses approximately 40 acres of vineyards nestled within a 240-acre property. The estate's diverse topography, ranging from 225 to 1,225 feet in elevation, offers a mosaic of microclimates and soil types, including volcanic rock and sedimentary formations. This diversity contributes to the complexity and depth of the wines produced.

The 2018 growing season was marked by a mild spring and a warm, steady summer, allowing for extended hang time and optimal ripening. These conditions yielded fruit of exceptional quality, characterized by balanced acidity, concentrated flavors, and refined tannins.

### Winemaking

The 2018 Harlan Estate is a blend predominantly composed of Cabernet Sauvignon, complemented by Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot. Fermentation occurs in oak tanks using indigenous yeasts, followed by malolactic fermentation in barrel. The wine is then aged for approximately 24 to 36 months in new French oak barrels, allowing for integration and development of complex aromas and flavors.

Bottled without fining or filtration, the 2018 vintage embodies the estate's philosophy of minimal intervention, aiming to capture the essence of the vineyard and the character of the vintage.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep garnet-purple with a luminous intensity.
- **Aroma:** An intricate bouquet of blackberry compote, cassis, and black cherry interwoven with notes of graphite, violets, and subtle hints of cedar and spice.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and impeccably balanced, the palate reveals layers of dark fruit, espresso, and earthy minerality. Silky tannins and vibrant acidity lead to a persistent, nuanced finish.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Blend



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## Did you know?

Founded in 1984 by H. William Harlan, Harlan Estate was conceived with the ambition to create a California "First Growth." Over the decades, the estate has garnered acclaim for producing wines that rival the great estates of Bordeaux, solidifying its status as a cult icon in the world of fine wine.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled venison with blackberry reduction:** The wine's dark fruit profile complements the richness of the game.
- **Herb-crusted lamb rack:** Earthy undertones and refined tannins harmonize with the savory flavors.
- **Wild mushroom risotto:** The wine's complexity enhances the umami depth of the dish.
- **Aged Comté or Gouda cheese:** Robust flavors align with the wine's intensity and structure.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 100 Points (2018)

*The 2018 Harlan Estate was tasted as a barrel sample, to be bottled in March. Deep garnet-purple in color, it needs a fair bit of swirling to reveal a wonderfully fragrant perfume of blueberry pie, chocolate-covered cherries, mulberries and black currant pastilles with hints of cumin seed, rose oil and black olives. Medium to full-bodied, the taut, grainy-textured palate delivers remarkable energy with compelling tension and a long, graceful, earth-laced finish. Range: 97-100*



### Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 100 Points (2018)

*Stunning on every level, the 2018 Proprietary Red Wine reveals a dense purple hue as well as an incredible bouquet of crème de cassis, graphite, crushed stone, iron, violets, and tobacco. Reminding me of a hypothetical blend of Ducru Beaucaillou and Pontet Canet from a great, classical vintage (or a more elegant version of the 2013 for simplicity), it's medium to full-bodied, perfectly balanced, powerful yet elegant, and has a finish that won't quit. This is pure gold in Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. It's already drinkable yet will benefit from 4-6 years of bottle age and have 40 years of prime drinking.*



### Wine Spectator (WS) : 99 Points (2018)

*A classic example of 2018 Napa Cabernet, this has a deep well of fruit in the form of black currant, blackberry and boysenberry reduction laced liberally with notes of smoldering tobacco, warm earth and tar, which compete for attention on the muscular yet driven finish. Subtle bay leaf and cast iron echoes at the very end add intrigue. This should be among the longer-lived wines of the vintage.*



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