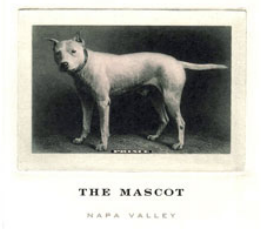


The Mascot

The Mascot Napa Valley 2018 is a dynamic Cabernet Sauvignon , crafted from the younger vines of Harlan Estate , BOND , and Promontory , offering a snapshot of Napa Valley's renowned hillside terroirs.





Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley 2018

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The Mascot is sourced from the young vines of three iconic Napa Valley estates: **Harlan Estate**, **BOND**, and **Promontory**. These hillside vineyards are renowned for their complexity and are cultivated with meticulous care. The younger vines, though still developing, reflect the exceptional quality and potential of these celebrated sites.

Situated in Napa Valley, these vineyards benefit from diverse soils, ranging from volcanic to alluvial, and experience a climate of warm days and cool nights, ideal for ripening **Cabernet Sauvignon**. The 2018 vintage highlights the balance and vibrancy inherent in fruit from these unique hillside terroirs.

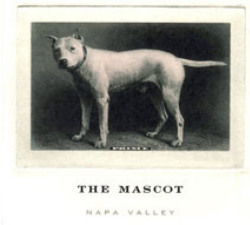
Winemaking

The **2018 vintage** was marked by steady and temperate growing conditions. Healthy spring rainfall preceded a mild summer, allowing for slow and even fruit development. The absence of dramatic weather events led to an extended growing season, providing ample time for the young vines to reach optimal ripeness.

The grapes were harvested in September, following instinctive decisions from the winemaking team rather than empirical cues. The wine was crafted with careful attention to maintain balance and expression, resulting in **8,000 cases** of a Cabernet Sauvignon that reflects both approachability and aging potential. With an **ABV of 14.5%**, The Mascot 2018 showcases richness and structure without overpowering intensity.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep garnet red.
- **Aromas**: Complex and inviting, with notes of **dark fruit**, **black tea**, and subtle **herbal undertones**.
- **Palate**: Ethereal and powerful, featuring flavors of **ripe blackberry**, **plum**, and hints of **graphite**. The texture is broad and silky, with **powdery tannins** and a finish that reveals layers of vivid energy and fine detail.



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Did you know?

The Mascot was originally crafted as a small family project, with its first public release in **2013**. The wine offers a unique perspective on the evolution of younger vines from some of Napa Valley's most prestigious estates.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised short ribs with polenta**: Complements the wine's rich tannins and dark fruit flavors.
- **Grilled lamb chops with rosemary**: Matches the wine's herbal and savory undertones.
- **Wild mushroom risotto**: Enhances the wine's earthy and textural elements.
- **Aged cheddar or blue cheese**: Balances the wine's structure and vibrancy.