



Silver Oak

The Silver Oak Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a quintessential expression of Napa Valley's terroir, offering a rich and luxurious profile with exceptional aging potential.



Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

Napa Valley, located in California, is renowned for its ideal conditions for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. The region benefits from a Mediterranean climate, characterized by warm, sunny days and cooler nights, which helps in developing balanced and complex wines. **Napa Valley's diverse soil types** contribute to the unique characteristics of its wines, ranging from volcanic soils in the higher elevations to gravelly soils on the valley floor.

Silver Oak's Napa Valley vineyards are meticulously maintained, ensuring optimal grape health and quality. This vintage experienced **ample winter rain**, which transitioned into a mild spring, setting the stage for an even bud break. This vintage enjoyed warm and steady summer months, allowing the fruit to ripen at a leisurely pace, resulting in intense flavors and deep complexity.

Winemaking

The Silver Oak Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a masterful blend composed of **76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15.2% Merlot, 5.1% Cabernet Franc, 3.2% Petit Verdot, and 0.5% Malbec**. Each varietal is harvested at peak ripeness, ensuring the perfect balance of flavor and structure.

The winemaking process at Silver Oak includes traditional techniques combined with modern innovations. After fermentation, the wine is aged in American oak barrels, which contributes to its distinctive vanilla and spice notes. **Aging lasts for approximately 24 months**, allowing the wine to develop its complex layers and smooth tannins. The wine is then bottled and further aged to achieve optimal maturity.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Ruby red with a hint of garnet at the rim.
- **Aroma:** Aromas of strawberry, fresh carnation, black pepper, and vanilla.
- **Palate:** The wine builds in strength and body across the mid-palate with a blackberry character on the finish and a bright cherry return. Integrated tannins make it expressive yet luxurious, with an even, balanced finish.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon



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Did you know?

Silver Oak Cellars is one of the few wineries that focuses exclusively on producing Cabernet Sauvignon. Founded in 1972 by **Raymond Twomey Duncan** and Justin Meyer, Silver Oak has a long-standing reputation for crafting some of Napa Valley's most iconic Cabernet Sauvignons.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Ribeye Steak:** The robust flavors of the steak complement the wine's rich texture and bold tannins.
- **Roasted Lamb Chops:** The savory and herbaceous notes of lamb enhance the wine's complexity and depth.
- **Mushroom Risotto:** The earthy flavors of mushrooms pair beautifully with the wine's dark fruit and spice elements.
- **Aged Cheddar Cheese:** The sharpness of aged cheddar balances the wine's lush fruit and oak characteristics.



James Suckling (JS) : 97 Points (2018)

This structured and concentrated wine is spot on for the vintage. It's very dense in color and aroma, saturated with ultra dark chocolate, graphite and blueberries on a firm texture of taut tannins that will need time to evolve.



Decanter (DCT) : 95 Points (2018)

The lovely ruby red colour is translucent, revealing a heady wine of blackberry, liquorice, vanillin, spicebush, and dried floral notes with savoury, toasty oak spices. This 2018 offers one of the more restrained and pretty bouquets of Silver Oak's Napa Cabernet in my memory. Very elegant on the entry, revealing a medium-bodied red wine with lovely cranberry fruit, plums, and currants, with a real depth to those fruit qualities framed by sculpted tannins that affix themselves onto the palate before giving way and resolving. Cabernet Sauvignon-dominant with trace amounts of Petit Verdot and Malbec. Aged in 85% new American Oak from The Oak Cooperage in Higbee, Missouri, the Duncans have owned it outright since 2015. The other 15% are second-use American oak barrels. They've been using the same cooperage for decades. The barrels imbue the Silver Oak wines with a classic vanillin quality, a nuance they always want to retain, even as they experiment with various toasts to produce smoother tannins in the toasting process.



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