



## 2018 A.V.A. Napa Valley Blend of Cabernet Franc



**Composition:** Cabernet Franc 70%, Cabernet Sauvignon 10%, Malbec 10%, Petit Verdot 10%

**Winemaking:** Fermented in small lots, cold and extended maceration, élevage 18 months in 60% new French oak.

**Appellation:** 100% St. Helena, Crocker Estate

**Production:** 1025 cases

**Amazing SRP:** \$58

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A.V.A. stands for American Viticulture Area and for us it represents the culmination of sustainable viticulture, resurrection of our 1870's winery and classic winemaking. The bouquet on the front label ties into our rich history, as it and our 1870's Victorian home originate from a Sears & Roebuck catalog. Inspired by the great wines of the right bank of Bordeaux, our A.V.A. St. Helena blend of Cabernet Franc serves as the perfect introduction to the Crocker & Starr

portfolio.

Estate Winemaker and Winegrowing Consultant, capture the diverse terrain of the Crocker Estate vine blocks that are not dedicated to our premiere estate wines by beginning with Cabernet Franc Blocks 5 and 8 and layering with unique portions of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. This 2018 blend is enjoyable in its youth and will age gracefully over the next 15 years.

**Tasting Notes:** Deep ruby in color, this wine displays a gorgeous nose of dark ripe plum, cocoa powder, tamale candy, and sandalwood spice. Silky friendly tannins and medium body elegantly frame the blue and red fruit on the palate which lingers through the wine's lengthy and seamless finish. This blend of Cabernet Franc is drinking beautifully now and will cellar well over the next ten years.

*At the heart of Crocker & Starr is our Vineyard Experience: Touch the Vines...Taste the Wines  
Please join us at the estate on your next Napa sojourn!*