

STORMY WEATHER 2018

Winery: Stormy Weather Wine
Winemaker: Cameron Woodbridge
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GROWING SEASON

2018 growing season was relatively cool compared with other years and late September ripeness was a concern. Thankfully the beautiful warm fall sunshine continued into November allowing for an extended ripening season and an exceptional vintage.

VINIFICATION

Fermented in small format stainless steel tanks. Cold soaked 4 days prior to fermentation. Temperature maintained below 80 degrees with a post ferment extended maceration of an additional 5 days. Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel with aging on lees for at least 1 year.

Cooperage: 100% New French Oak,

Barrel Aging: 29 months

Bottle Aging: ongoing

Production: 424 cases

TASTING NOTES

Winemaker's notes:

Black tinged moving to purple at the rim, with aromas of black currant, blackberry, pie spice, pomegranate, cassis liquor, and quartz. The palate is dominated by dark fruits, tobacco and dark chocolate that turns to a spicy yet plush finish that is stunningly balanced.

Jeb Dunnock:

I loved the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Stormy Weather, a fresh, pure, focused 2018 that has a sweet core of cassis and blueberry fruits as well as notes of iron, tobacco, and leafy herbs. It's medium to full-bodied on the palate, has silky tannins, and solid structure. Unfortunately, there are a scant 424 cases produced, but it's a gorgeous wine from winemaker Cameron Woodbridge that's well worth seeking out. — 96pts

Lisa Perrotti-Brown (Wine Independent):

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Stormy Weather gives up pronounced blackberry pie, boysenberry preserves, and blueberry compote notes with hints of unsmoked cigars and tapenade. The full-bodied palate is plush and spicy, with loads of earthy accents intertwined with the black fruit layers, finishing long and lifted. — 94pts



APPELLATION: Calistoga, Napa Valley
VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon clone 7
HARVESTED: October 23, 2018
ALCOHOL: 15.1%