



RUDD

Oakville
SAMANTHA'S
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2018



NAPA VALLEY
GROWN, PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY RUDD
OAKVILLE, CALIFORNIA
ALCOHOL 14.5% BY VOLUME

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Arguably the vintage of the decade, the 2018 growing season came as a reprieve from a challenging yet rewarding 2017 vintage. A relatively dry winter was accompanied by a few storms in March and April that finished filling the soils, allowing the canopies to grow slowly with a mild spring. Weather during bloom was ideal with ample sun and warmth, leading into a summer of moderate temperatures, which allowed the vines to grow a complete canopy and then shift focus to the fruit. After a small crop in 2017, the crop in 2018 was impeccably balanced and full entering the harvest season. Our first pick of harvest started with Cabernet Sauvignon in mid-September from the Northern alluvial fan and continued through the middle of October with the final pick of Cabernet Sauvignon from the Rudd core stone volcanic soils.

Writing about the 2018 Rudd Oakville Estate Samantha's Cabernet Sauvignon was effortless. A vibrant purple and magenta color, this wine looks and speaks beautifully, and resonates with all who have the opportunity to enjoy it. On the nose, aromas of sweet-smelling plum and blueberry rise from the glass. Balanced by the fresh bay leaf and charred earth aromatics, this wine's pleasing scent translates almost identically onto the palate.

Black currants, baked raspberries, and hints of rosemary bring freshness, lifting one's taste buds immediately. This purity is complemented by the persistent and chalky tannins that continue to intensify. The mid-palate texture associated with our iron rich soils is rounded out by the dark cocoa sweetness and baking spices of our hand-selected French oak barrels. A truly majestic expression of Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon that can be enjoyed now with the potential of developing more greatness over the next 9-16 years.

APPELLATION	Oakville
HARVEST DATES	Starting September 19th, lasting 10 days, 11 separate picks
GEOLOGY	Red, andesitic core stone volcanics and lighter gravel/stoney overlay from Rudd alluvial fan
AGING	63% New French Oak, 40% Once Used French Oak

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