



2018 HERTELENDY SIGNATURE MOUNTAIN BLEND NAPA VALLEY

The 2018 Signature Mountain Blend is comprised of our ultra premium Rockwell Ridge estate vineyard fruit (planted in 1993 at 1365 feet, 35 ft below the Howell Mountain AVA) in addition to Atlas Peak, Pritchard Hill, and Silverado Bench fruit.

<i>Release Date</i>	October 10, 2022
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	60% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot, 7% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	September 26, 2018 — October 30, 2018
<i>Cooperage</i>	23 months in 90% new French & Hungarian oak
<i>2018 Growing Season</i>	2018 was an extraordinary year. We had the most predictable weather conditions with no heat spikes which resulted in the longest hangtime on the vines. Vintner Ralph Hertelendy believes it was the best vintage of the decade.
<i>Alcohol %</i>	14.7
<i>Cases Produced</i>	195
<i>Winemakers</i>	Ralph Hertelendy & Phillip Corallo-Titus

CRITIC'S REVIEWS



"The 2018 Signature Mountain Red may be the finest release yet of this wine from Ralph Hertelendy. The fruit comes from Pritchard Hill, Atlas Peak and Howell Mountain. It begins to impress with its gorgeous aromatics of creme de cassis, black raspberries and dark currents which are joined by dark chocolate nibs, spices, loam, florals and hints of cigar box that all come together beautifully. On the palate this is full-bodied, dense and concentrated with a lovely plush texture backed by a deep, well-structured core that pumps out loads of gorgeous ripe dark fruits and cocoa nibs that expand through the seductive finish. This seductive red is simply delicious now, but also has the characteristics to age for two decades"
— 97 Points, International Wine Report

"The 2018 Signature Mountain Blend is opaque purple-black colored, it slowly unfurls to reveal beguiling scents of baked black plums, boysenberries and chocolate-covered cherries plus hints of lilacs, forest floor, pencil lead and star anise. Medium to full-bodied, the palate shimmers with electric energy and tension, delivering mouth-filling perfumed black fruits and a firm foundation of ripe, rounded tannins, finishing with fantastic length and purity.." — 96+ Points, Robert Parker Wine Advocate

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