

Ceritas

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON RELEASE

We end our release schedule each year with our Peter Martin Ray Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2018 vintage was our seventh year working with this noble site and we are so thrilled to continue deepening our relationship with this vineyard and how best to showcase its noble terroir.

The site is impressive and the resulting wine is something so familiar to the old wines of California. The vineyard straddles a north-south running ridge, one ridge south of Ridge's Monte Bello site. Meager soils with exceptional drainage force the 90-year-old dry-farmed vines to seek water, nutrients, and life from the bedrock. The vineyard is head-trained and farmed by the same two people for the past 20 years, which gives the vineyard consistency and a depth of knowledge that is rare. This is a wine of history, a wine of pedigree, and a wine you will want to pull out of your cellar in 20+ years to enjoy with good friends and food.

After a mild summer, we harvested perfectly mature grapes on September 26th. The flavors of our samples leading up to harvest were vibrant and full of depth which gave us the first glimpse that we had a classic vintage on our hands. The grapes were destemmed and put into a concrete fermentor. In total, fermentation lasted 28 days, after which we allowed a few days for the tannins to mellow. There was great depth and concentration with aromatics like we saw in 2015. Aged for 30 months in Bordeaux barrels (70% of which were new). Unfined, unfiltered with minimal sulfur.

We hope you enjoy this wine for many years to come. Thank you for your continued support. Be well.

John and Phoebe

2018 PETER MARTIN RAY CABERNET SAUVIGNON / SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

As classic as it gets. Racy, elegant and super-refined, 2018 possesses magnificent balance. The wine bursts from the glass with intoxicating aromas of rose petal, bilberry, and freshly rolled tobacco. On the palate, smooth tannins are backed by energy and vibrancy. Pure black fruit and bright mineral notes make this one of the best wines we have made to date from Peter Martin Ray. (2023-2050?)