

TATE

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MOUNT VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

True to Mt. Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2018 is near black in color. The nose takes a moment to show itself, then cassis and blueberry pie followed by caramel, cocoa and volcanic earth all jump from the glass. The initial palate is soft and plush and then the tannins start to build. Firm mountain acidity helps attenuate the sizeable chalky tannins. The flavors on the palate move to black currant, cedar box and vanilla bean. This big, stunning wine needs time in bottle to reach its pinnacle. A minimum of 13-14 years would be ideal (2033-2034).

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	David and Suzanne Tate
WINEMAKER	David Tate
VARIETAL	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION	Mount Veeder, Napa Valley
PRODUCTION	180 Cases
ALCOHOL	14.9%
AGING	22 months in French Oak Barrels



BACKGROUND

David Tate, a native of British Columbia, Canada, is the Winemaker and Founder of TATE along with his wife Suzanne Tate. Established in 2011, TATE is known for single expression wines from independently owned, micro-vineyards across the valley floor and mountain sides of the Napa Valley.

David is also the General Manager and Winemaker for Barnett Vineyards atop Spring Mountain in the Napa Valley since 2007. Prior to his work with TATE and Barnett, David was the assistant winemaker at Ridge Vineyards for five years at Montebello in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Suzanne Tate's roots are in Texas but will quickly tell you that Northern California and the Napa Valley are now 'home'. After five years of distribution in Texas, Suzanne had a chance meeting with David at a wine dinner and well, as they say the rest is history. Suzanne moved to the Napa Valley in 2010 and very quickly, the idea of TATE came to life.

From our small start of 400 cases, TATE is now producing just over 1,000 cases annually of Chardonnay from Yountville, Merlot from Calistoga and single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon's from St. Helena, Mt. Veeder and Howell Mountain.