



# CERVANTES

## 2018 CERVANTES BLACKTAIL

### ABOUT THE BRAND

It has been called Napa Valley's last frontier. Just over the peak of Howell Mountain, alongside Pritchard Hill, is a place less-traveled yet full of promise. Here, the adventurous Cervantes family pairs with a renowned team, including winemakers Andy Erickson and Jessica Tarpy. Winegrowers and designers share a dream to realize the full possibility of an unsung terroir. An 1,100 acre ranch weaves in and around five-acres of hillside vineyards. Remote, rugged, unspoiled, picturesque, and free. A land to be stewarded and shared like the wines it gifts. The Cervantes family makes wines of distinctive character from an uncharted place made by people on a mission.

### TASTING NOTES

A blend of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Petite Sirah, and Petit Verdot, the wine is as complex and alluring as it sounds. Floral notes, herbs and spices, and scents of gravel and earth are seamlessly integrated with dark, ripe fruit aromas and flavors. Aged for 20 months in barrel, the wine is structured but accessible, and the combination of fruit, tannin, and acid are mouthwatering. The many layers in the glass will draw you in and keep you coming back for more.

### WINE ADVOCATE, 98 POINTS

"We don't have anything in mind about what the final blend will be each year," winemaker Andy Erickson said about this Blacktail blend. "We want to create something that is unique to the place this year." The 2018 Blacktail Proprietary Red Blend MMXIII is composed of 27% Cabernet Franc, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Malbec, 23% Petite Sirah and 4% Petit Verdot. Deep garnet-purple in color, it bursts with flamboyant blue fruits, plum preserves and black cherry compote notes, with hints of rose oil, Indian spices, camphor and pencil lead plus a waft of truffles. The intense, full-bodied palate delivers wonderfully ripe, rounded tannins with beautiful poise, leading to a long floral finish. Amazing wine!

VARIETAL BLEND	27% Cabernet Franc, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Malbec, 23% Petite Sirah, 4% Petit Verdot
ALCOHOL	14.8%
CASE PRODUCTION	541

