

KEPLINGER

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE RANCH VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

This is a massive and dense wine, inky in color with cassis, lavender, hints of mint, espresso, and black peppercorn. It exhibits a beautiful dark nose of red, purple and black fruits with savory spice accents and floral notes – sweet peas and flowering thyme. It has a super silky entry with loads of fine espresso tannins, and texture for minutes.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Helen Keplinger and DJ Warner
WINEMAKER	Helen Keplinger
VARIETAL	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petite Verdot
APPELLATION	Oakville
PRODUCTION	290 Cases
ALCOHOL	14.8%
AGING	22 months in 100% French oak barrels



BACKGROUND

Helen Keplinger moved to California to attend the MS program in Enology at UC Davis. She has worked with Heidi Barrett at Paradigm in Napa Valley, Kathy Joseph at Fiddlehead in Santa Barbara, Michel Rolland, and David Abreu in Napa Valley. Since 2004, she has made wine for some exciting projects, including Cellers Melis (Priorat, Spain), Kenzo Estate, Arrow & Branch, Bryant Family Vineyards, and is currently crafting wine for Grace Family Vineyard, Carte Blanche, and Kerr Cellars.

Helen met DJ while he was managing a Spanish wine shop part time which led the two to meet over a bottle of 1995 Pago de los Capellanes, Reserva on DJ's recommendation. Helen's time in Priorat working with Grenache and finding unique singular vineyard sites for Melis was the inspiration for Keplinger wines.

In 2006, Helen founded Keplinger and the couple launched their first vintage in 2008 with a focus on small production, single-vineyard Rhone varietal wines.

Keplinger focuses on making seamlessly crafted, terroir-driven, Rhone varietal wines from unique and diverse sites in Napa, Sonoma & Sierra Foothills. All the vineyards are hillside or mountain sites, carefully farmed by hand for small berries and concentrated flavors, in close collaboration with Helen. Each wine comes from a singular vineyard to represent the characteristics of the grape or grapes in the wine from their respective vineyard's terroir each vintage. The wines are made in small lots, with careful attention paid to every detail.