



# CHAPPELLET

## 2018 Sugarloaf Cabernet Sauvignon

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### Wine Statistics

26.0° – 27.0° Brix at Harvest  
14.5% Alcohol  
TA – 0.64g/100ml  
pH – 3.75

### Wine Blend

95% Cabernet Sauvignon  
5% Petit Verdot

### The Wine

An explorer at heart, in 1967 Donn Chappellet set out to find the stone markers that define the boundaries of Pritchard Hill using an 1882 surveyor map. Today, this historic map graces our Mountain Estates label, symbolizing the love of discovery that guides us as we follow in Donn's footsteps, exploring iconic expressions of mountain-grown Cabernet Sauvignon. Made from 95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot, and aged in 100% new French oak barrels, this remarkable wine comes from the coolest of the mountain sites we work with. Grown in thin, rock-laden soils on steep, south-facing slopes that are regularly buffeted by wind and fog off San Pablo Bay, Sugarloaf is an elegant and energetic expression of Cabernet Sauvignon with silky tannins, savory notes and lush fruit.

### Growing Season & Harvest

The 2018 vintage delivered ideal growing conditions that were reminiscent of the exceptional 2012 and 2016 vintages. Perfectly timed spring rains saturated the soils, and were followed by moderate weather, with almost no days of heat above 100° F throughout summer. Because the phenomenal growing conditions yielded a larger-than-average crop, we did as many as three to four thinning passes between June and August, aggressively dropping fruit to fine-tune the crop load. The temperate conditions continued late into the season, providing abundant hangtime, and ensuring ideal flavor development and the retention of excellent natural acidity. As a result, our 2018 wines offer beautiful color, concentration and weight, with lovely varietal purity.

### Tasting Notes

Dark, rich and dynamic, our debut vintage of Sugarloaf Cabernet Sauvignon offers luxurious aromas of chocolate-covered blueberry, violets, licorice and perfumed spice, as well as notes of roasted coffee, cedar, clove and nutmeg. On the opulent palate, flavors of berry liqueur, dark chocolate and holiday spices glide across silky, mouthcoating tannins, with enlivening acidity adding structure and poise to a long, polished finish.