

DAVIES

VINEYARDS

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

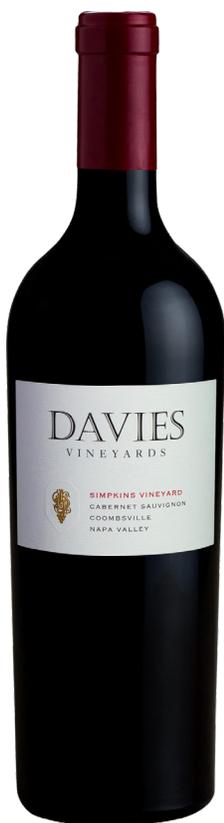
*Simpkins Vineyard
Coombsville, Napa Valley*

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its second vintage bottling of the Simpkins Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. Building upon its experience with its home property on Diamond Mountain in the valley's western Mayacamas Range, second-generation Vintner Hugh Davies, Director of Winemaking Sean Thompson and Consultant Celia Welch have developed an excellent collaboration over the past decade in crafting Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons, and they are very proud to present this unique vineyard-designate bottling from the 2018 vintage.

Located in Coombsville, the Simpkins Vineyard is managed by viticulturist Mike Wolfe. Coombsville is a quiet area, in the southeastern corner of the Napa Valley, tucked up against the foothills of the Vaca Mountain Range, just outside of the Napa city limits. Coombsville wines can be recognized by their structured tannins, which provide excellent power and mouthfeel, along with underlying layers of earth and mineral flavors. The vineyard soil is rocky loam, providing good drainage and low nutrient concentration. Under these external stresses the vines work hard to produce a limited amount of the best quality fruit.

Coombsville's temperatures are moderated by its proximity to the San Pablo Bay. Temperate daily highs and minimal heat spikes limit dehydration, preserve acidity levels, and create even ripening patterns. The vines bud early, and the grapes tend to be harvested later, making for a long, slow ripening period which promotes intensified flavors and layering in the finished wine.

The long growing season in 2018 revealed a vintage with concentration without being overripe. Despite a warm February, the growing season started off cooler than the past few vintages. A cool spring meant bloom lasted longer than usual, which resulted in a bountiful crop. Summer temperatures were moderate with fewer heat spikes than in recent years. Veraison started later as well, and as a result, harvest started two to three weeks later than in recent years. The resulting fruit exhibited exceptional structure with depth of flavor and noticeable brightness.



Tasting Notes

“The 2018 Simpkins Cabernet Sauvignon opens with notes of cherry, dried strawberry, and black pepper, balanced with undertones of mint and rich chocolate. The palate welcomes a dense and dark entry with a velvety texture, leading to flavors of plum, black raspberry and fresh espresso beans.”

*- Winemakers Sean Thompson and Jessica Koga
-Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch*

Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley
Vineyard:	Simpkins Vineyard
Barrel Aging (French Oak):	22 months in 60% new French Oak
Coopers:	Atelier, Orion, Boutes
Alcohol:	14.7%
TA:	0.52 g/100 mL
pH:	3.90
Harvest Dates:	October 23 - 29, 2018
Bottling Date:	August 21, 2020
Release Date:	October 1, 2021
Cases Produced:	500 (9-liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$110
Available Format:	750 mL