



NAPA VALLEY'S 2018s

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VINTAGE	WINE	TASTING NOTES	SCORE
2018	Cabernet Sauvignon	Based on 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, and 10% Cabernet Franc, the base 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon is a beauty, offering classic currant and mulled cherry fruits as well as plenty of cedarwood, tobacco, and spice aromas and flavors. It's rich and medium to full-bodied, with some grippy tannins and a classy finish. It's going to benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age and keep for 15-20.	93
2018	Solari	The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Solari is all Cabernet and was brought up in mostly new French oak. A gorgeous wine from this estate, it has incredible notes of blackcurrants, camphor, new leather, and dried tobacco. It takes some air yet gets even more complex, with ample licorice and loamy soil notes developing as it sits in the glass. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, it has terrific overall balance, lots of underlying structure, and a great, great finish. It's going to need 5-7 years for these tannins to melt away, but this is a beauty.	96
2018	The Lark	Lastly, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon The Lark is cut from the same cloth, with beautiful currant fruits, dried tobacco, camphor, spice, and chocolate notes, and it's a slightly deep, darker fruited wine than the Solari. Full-bodied, rich, and beautifully concentrated, with a mountain of tannins, it stays balanced, seamless, and lengthy. As with all these wines from Larkmead these days, the cellar is going to be your friend. Hide bottles for 7-8 years if you can, count yourself lucky, and enjoy over the following 30-40 years.	96+