

## 2018 Napa Valley Estate Élu

Vibrant and deep colors of red and purple commence this wine. Black plum, juicy blackberry and black olive are threaded with anise, graphite, and vanillin from the toasted barrel. Flavors of dried black plum and blackberry are complimented with a hint of black licorice. The wine has a freshness to it with texture and a graceful, fine grain tannin. Enjoy!

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"Lots of blackberry, earth and spice, such as cloves, on the nose. Violets, too. It's full-bodied with very fine tannins that give the wine form and firmness. Fine tannins at the end. 64% cabernet sauvignon, 19% merlot, 9% malbec, 5% petit verdot. and 3% cabernet franc. Drink or hold."

- James Suckling, June 2021

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## **WINE ENTHUSIAST**

"Inviting chocolate, cinnamon and cedar fill the aroma of this full-bodied and moderately tannic wine before a generous dose of black cherries, mint and dark chocolate coat the palate. The wine is so tempting now for its complexity and richness."

- Jim Gordon, November 2023

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## **JEB DUNNUCK**

"Checking in as a blend of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 9% Malbec, and the rest Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc, the deep purple-hued 2018 Red Blend Estate Élu gives up a terrific bouquet of spiced red and black currants, new leather, tobacco, and loamy earth. Medium-bodied, nicely textured, and elegant, it's a more mid-weight, charming, balanced wine that's ideal for enjoy over the coming 7-8 years or so."

- Jeb Dunnuck, January 2021



