DEL DOTTO
NAPA VALLEY

In 1989 Dave and Yolanda Del Dotto purchased a 17-acre estate in the famed Rutherford appellation of Napa Valley. Over the last three decades they have been purchasing small, world-class vineyard properties in the best areas of Napa Valley and Sonoma Coast. Having made wine for over 32 years the winery remains family-owned with Dave & Yolanda and their two children, Desiree and Giovanni, guiding the business. The three winery and cave locations to visit in Napa Valley – Historic, Estate & Piazza – have become an attraction for their extensive barrel tasting program and over-the-top Italian architecture. The continued vision of producing rich, luscious, silky-smooth wines is apparent in all the wines produced from Del Dotto.

2018 St. Helena Mountain American Oak Fouquet Carved & Grooved Block 2 Family Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD

Contrary to its name, this vineyard is located on the valley floor nestled against the Mayacamas Mountains west of St. Helena and neighboring the legendary Dr. Crane Vineyard. This vineyard features eleven acres of cabernet sauvignon which exude dark rich cassis characteristics, along with silky tannins and an exceptional finish. This world class vineyard historically has received 98–100-point scores from Robert Parker Jr. Fitting that this vineyard is the "backbone of The Beast," making up half of the blend in our flagship cabernet sauvignon, The Beast.

TASTING NOTES

This carved and grooved American Oak barrel from the cooper Alain Fouquet is nicknamed the Almond Joy and Pina Colada barrel! The grooves impart more oak surface area for the wine to age upon and uniquely excite the nose with tropical characteristics. With a splash of coconut on the bouquet, the fruit is vibrant and offers soft hints of stone fruit in addition to the cabernet red fruit profile. Nuances of fully ripened raspberry, sweet butterscotch scored oak, chocolate brownie batter and crushed almonds create a one-of-a-kind barrel. Drinks like a pure classic Napa Cabernet with multilayered new world flavor profiles!

DETAILS

APPELLATION: St. Helena, Napa Valley

BLEND: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING REGIMEN: Barrel aged in New American Oak for 23 months

BOTTLED: August 2020

CASE PRODUCTION: 219 Cases

WINEMAKER: Robbie Meyer

ALCOHOL: 15.2%