



In 1988, Dave and Yolanda Del Dotto purchased a 17-acre estate in the Rutherford appellation of Napa Valley.

Over the following decades, the family expanded into the finest growing areas of Napa Valley and Sonoma Coast. Family-owned and operated for more than 35 years, the winery is guided by Dave and Yolanda and their children Desirée and Giovanni. Del Dotto is known for its pioneering single-barrel single-vineyard program and two cave tasting destinations in St. Helena and Yountville, each featuring spectacular Italian cave architecture and an immersive barrel tasting experience that have made them among Napa Valley's most visited. A consistent vision of producing rich, luscious, silky-smooth wines runs across every appellation.

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%

