



BLACK STALLION

ESTATE WINERY

Located on the historic Silverado Trail in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, Black Stallion Estate Winery pays homage to the rich history of the 32-acre estate which was once home to the Silverado Equestrian Center. The property was purchased in 2010 by the Indelicato family, a fourth-generation family-owned company founded in 1924. Sourcing from some of the most prestigious vineyards, the winery is committed to making only the most expressive wines.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Bucephalus showcases aromas of cassis, sandalwood, and clove. The aromas integrate beautifully with the rich, ripe, fruit flavors of blackberry and dark cherry, and maple syrup. This full-bodied wine has intense depth and broad rich flavors.

GROWING SEASON

The 2018 growing season started after the February rains, which were a good omen to the months of grape growing that followed. Mild spring weather made for an extended bloom and a later set, the conditions were perfect – more sunshine, mild temperatures, and no winds. Clusters saw little shatter, making for uniform set. The fruit ripened beautifully during the summer months and kept the vineyard team busy managing canopy growth. From June to early August, temperatures were steady and warm, with no heat spikes, creating the most ideal conditions for the final stretch. Veraison continued over an extended period, allowing for balanced fruit development while maintaining bright, fresh, clean fruit flavors.

VINEYARDS

The 2018 Bucephalus was crafted using some of the best grapes found in the Napa Valley. A large portion of the fruit for the 2018 Bucephalus was harvested from Atlas Peak. The mountain AVAs are the ideal growing environment for producing fruit with high concentration and immense depth. The grapes sourced from the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley add balance and soften the texture of the blend. We blended a small portion of Malbec, Syrah and Petit Verdot into Bucephalus to help knit the blend together. Together with the Cabernet Sauvignon, it creates a powerful and well-structured wine.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were handpicked during the early morning hours to ensure that the concentrated fruit flavors were captured at the peak of ripeness. Upon arrival at the winery, we carefully sort the fruit before it is destemmed into small fermentation tanks. After a few days of cold soaking, the must is gently warmed, and yeast is added to initiate fermentation. We 'pump-over' many times during the fermentation, allowing for maximum extraction of fruit flavor, color, and tannin from the skins. We then allowed the free run wine to gravity flow from the skins directly to barrel. The skins were gently pressed and then transferred into barrels to mature separately. The wines were allowed to mature for 17 - 20 months in barrel before being blended and prepared for bottling. more than four years of anticipation.

VINTAGE: 2018

BLEND: 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Malbec, 15% Syrah, 3% Petit Verdot

APPELLATION: 40% Atlas Peak, 27% Diamond Mountain, 22.8 Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley,
7% Coombsville, 3% Napa Valley, .2% Yountville

BARREL AGING: 100% new French Oak and Hungarian Oak / 17 months

PH: 3.72g • TOTAL ACID: 0.59 g/100ml • ALCOHOL BY VOL: 15.5%



2018 BUCEPHALUS NAPA VALLEY

RED WINE BLEND

