



Stage 1
2018

NAPA VALLEY

ABOUT STAGE 1

Artfully crafted to appeal to the modern palate, with Stage1 we hope to capture the essence of Napa Valley terroir. This wine is robust but balanced with both depth and complexity and has enough acidity to complement food. Built to be a crowd pleaser! We hope you enjoy this first stage!

BLEND

82% Cabernet Sauvignon
(Atlas Peak AVA)
15% Merlot, 3% Malbec

TASTING NOTES

Deep purple hue with an old world sensibility. It has an elegant aroma of ripe fruit, plum, cinnamon, vanilla and a touch of clove and black pepper. It has a feel of a fresh, young Napa Valley wine. The wine has a soft entry with a touch of cherry fruit and subtle wood. Polished tannins provide a good anchor to the finish.

BOTTLING

Date: June 25, 2020
Alcohol: 14.5%
pH 3.68, Total Acidity 6.9g/L

Released: April 15, 2022

WINEMAKING NOTES

Stage1 blends Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Malbec. The Cabernet comes from the famed *Stagecoach Vineyard* (Atlas Peak AVA) where the elevation provides the perfect climate for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. Merlot provides red fruit flavors and roundness to the wine. Malbec was added for its color and fruit intensity, creating an harmonious blend of lush fruit and elevated complexity that will evolve slowly overtime. The wine was aged in French Oak (33% new, 76% once-used/neutral) adding aromas of vanilla and clove and improving the tannin structure of the wine.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Stagecoach Vineyard - Atlas Peak AVA

Harvest Date: 10/22/2018

Brix: 27.0, TA: 3.3

pH: 3.93



ABOUT GREYSCALE WINES

"Making wine is living a dream. Growing up with a family vineyard, avidly collecting wines for years, wine tasting in Bordeaux, and developing a curiosity about winemaking inspired us to create

our own wine. Our goal is to produce small-lots of premium Napa Valley wines from the most prestigious vineyards in the valley".

Jean & Larry Rowe
Proprietors

ABOUT THE WINEMAKER KIAN TAVAKOLI

With over 25 years of winemaking, operations and viticultural experience, Kian brings a stellar combination of sensory and production skills to Greyscale Wines. Having graduated with a degree in enology from UC Davis in 1992, Kian spent 4 years in the lab at Opus One before he became winemaker at Clos Du Val where he ran their red wine program including the highly acclaimed reserve bottlings. Kian's passion for Bordeaux style wines is the perfect complement to our Greyscale family wine philosophy. We are pleased that he has been our only winemaker since we started in 2008.



"Wine is neither black nor white. It's always shades of grey"

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