

SENSES

VINTAGE NOTES

Many are hailing the 2018 vintage as a return to “normal” as the vintage was comparatively calm, cool, and late. The year began with a relatively warm February before giving way to a cold spring and moderate growing conditions throughout the season. The moderate temperatures continued into harvest allowing for full phenolic ripeness to develop and the luxury of picking the grapes when they were mature rather than trying to beat the heat. We expect the 2018 wines to showcase as one of the best vintages in the twenty-teens.

VINEYARD

Oakville is known for producing some of the most sought-after wines from Napa Valley. Locally referred to as the ‘heart and soul’ of Napa, Oakville is centered between the cool reaches of the San Francisco Bay to the south, and the warmer inland air in St. Helena. Sourced entirely from a premier single vineyard on the eastern side of the Oakville appellation, the vines are rooted in red, rocky soil rich in iron with the volcanic strata reflective of the Vaca Mountains directly to the east. Sitting at approximately 190 feet, this area of Oakville transitions to the flats of the Napa River plain in step-like formations. Some scattered remains of Franciscan assemblage linger in the area, washed out long ago of the Lake Hennessey region through the ancient Conn Creek drainage. This diverse geology makes wine growing in this area particularly rewarding, resulting in wines consistently revered by connoisseurs and critics alike.

SENSES 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - \$250 SRP

“Sporting a deep garnet-purple color, it sings of warm cassis, baked black cherries and mulberries with a beautiful undercurrent of fragrant earth, menthol, crushed rocks, candied violets and cedar chest. The full-bodied palate has wonderful intensity, features tons of bright, crunchy, black fruit layers and lots of perfumed nuances, supported by a solid backbone of ripe grainy tannins and seamless freshness, finishing with fantastic length and energy. Very impressive!”

- 97+, Lisa Perrotti-Brown RPWA

- 100% NEW FRENCH OAK, 20 MONTHS
 - DARNAJOU & TARANSAUD BARRELS
 - OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY
 - 14.8% ALC.
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ABOUT SENSES WINES

Senses Wines specializes in Chardonnay and Pinot noir from world-class vineyards throughout the Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley AVAs. Founded in 2011, Senses is a dream-come-true for three childhood friends from Occidental who began farming their families’ vineyards at just 22 years old. In partnership with renowned winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown, the Senses team produces outstanding single vineyard and appellation wines, of which the 2015-2018 vintages recently received 97+ points from Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate and 99 points by Jeb Dunnuck.

