

PRIEST RANCH

2018 COACH GUN

APPELLATION & VINEYARDS

The historic Priest Ranch is now part of the Somerston Estate, a significant property totaling 1,642 acres, with 222 acres planted to hillside vineyards. Dramatic elevations of the vineyards define and distinguish the estate, ranging from 800 ft to 1,600 ft above sea level.

WINEMAKING

Our 2018 Coach Gun was handpicked, sorted, and fermented naturally, then aged for 24 months in 75% new French oak barrels and 25% once-used French oak barrels. The blend was refined over the course of the first year of aging, and the final selection was determined just before bottling.

HARVEST NOTES

The first half of 2018 brought us moderate temperatures allowing for a long growing season. We had a majority of our rainfall in February, followed by a wet spring. Then summer brought consistent temperatures with little heat spikes. This weather allowed for longer hang time and for the fruit to ripen at a balanced rate.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Coach Gun is a blend of 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Cabernet Franc, 20% Malbec, and 24% Merlot. This wine opens with aromatic bouquet of dried flowers, fresh blue berries, cinnamon, nutmeg, and a hint of vanilla. The palate is rich and complex with notes of dark cherry, milk chocolate and a touch of black pepper and currant.

APPELLATION Napa Valley

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ALCOHOL 15.3%

RELEASE DATE March 2023

PRODUCTION 232 cases

