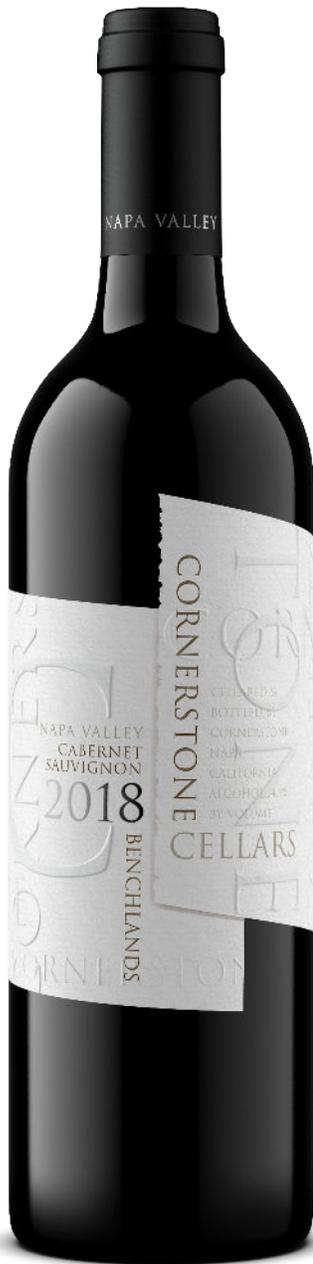




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CELLARS • NAPA VALLEY

2018 Benchlands Cabernet Sauvignon

Founded in 1991 by Michael Dragutsky, Cornerstone Cellars is the quintessential Napa Valley mountain and benchland producer of Cabernet Sauvignon. Our winemaking led by Kari Auringer honors Napa Valley's great heritage by crafting intense, elegant and balanced wines that stand among the very best winegrowing estates in the world. Through intellectual rigor, humility, and with the utmost respect for the land, Cornerstone Cellars aims to make wines that truly speak to its exceptional vineyard sites in the most authentic and genuine way possible.



2018 Vintage

In Northern California, we had an extremely dry winter. March and April brought us an abundant amount of much-needed rain. This surge of rain brought us closer to “normal” and the reservoirs are looking fairly full. A mild winter and cool spring delayed budbreak and bloom by as much as two weeks. Cool, steady summer temperatures pushed out veraison by another week or two. We avoided any major heat spikes that we have come to expect in August and September, which pushed out harvest even further. The near-perfect weather just prior to harvest gave us plenty of time to pick at peak ripeness. Yields are up over past years, and the fruit is of superb quality.

The Vineyards

The vineyard composition changes a little each year, giving us the ability to make the best wine possible utilizing our best vineyards on the valley floor. Each vintage has Cabernet Sauvignon from Rutherford, St. Helena and Oakville. The Merlot and Cabernet Franc are from the illustrious Oakville Station.

2018 Tasting Notes

Big and bold, expressive aromas burst out of the glass with each swirl, offering seductive notes of ripe blackberry, blueberry and cassis. Lush and complex on entry, there is a symphony of ripe black fruit and a hint of sweet vanilla. Even at this young age there are notes of chocolate and black licorice that suggest the world-class lineage of both Oakville and Rutherford sub-AVA's. Packed with youthful spirit, this rich, concentrated Cabernet is a beautiful demonstration of a stellar Napa Valley vintage.

2018 Winemaking Notes

Vintage:	2016
Appellation:	100% Napa Valley
Varietals:	85% Cabernet 12% Cab Franc 2% Merlot 1% Petit Verdot
Cooperage:	65% New French oak Barrels 35% neutral oak
Alcohol:	14.6%
pH:	3.77
TA:	5.7 g/L
Bottling Date:	July 22, 2020
Production:	3,854 6-pak cases
Retail:	\$75