



## AVIARY VINEYARDS

### 2018 CALIFORNIA BIRDS OF PREY - RED BLEND

#### OUR STORY

Founded in 2010, Aviary Vineyards launched with the 2009 vintage of our Napa Valley Red Blend. That first vintage took advantage of tiny lots of different varieties from 13 different vineyards throughout Napa Valley. Much like an aviary, the blend of different grapes interacted and harmonized to create a wine that was beautiful, enjoyable, and captivating. Each component is wonderful, but together, they combined into a truly great experience.

We hope you will enjoy Aviary Vineyards and we invite you to contact us with your comments.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

After a trying 2017 vintage, punctuated by wild fires in Napa and sporadic rainfall, 2018 was a grape grower's dream. Milder temperatures and a longer growing season yielded a healthy crop of well-ripened and structured fruit. We welcomed Mother Nature's respite from the trials of the previous vintage.

Our Birds of Prey Red Blend is inspired by the guardians of our vineyards. Owls by night and raptors throughout the day, birds of prey hunt in our vines allowing us to naturally manage the vineyards without pesticides. As homage, this wine is big, bold, and balanced. It is dark garnet in color with aromas of brambleberries, cassis, cigar box, spice, almonds, and chocolate. The round palate offers a memorable profile of red fruits, dark chocolate, and a subtle tea leaf that lingers. Enjoy this wine with food, or on its own, curled up by a fire with loved ones. This "Bird" tastes fantastic now and will continue to develop and age beautifully over the next ten-plus years.

#### COMPOSITION

51% Cabernet Sauvignon  
36% Merlot  
11% Cabernet Franc  
2% Malbec  
AVAs: Sonoma County & Napa County

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol: 14.5%  
Barrel Aging: 12 months  
French/American Oak

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