



2018 Lupin Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon Moon Mountain district, Sonoma County

Varietal Composition:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon,

Aging:

19 Months in 50% New French Oak

Production:

125 Cases

***93 points CGCW** If at first seeming fairly direct with slightly juicy fruit in the lead on the nose, this very solidly built youngster opens to reveal a good deal of layering and plenty of defined Cabernet complexity with air, and, once in the mouth, it ups the ante in terms of density, depth and fruity confidence. It is still fairly tight and firmed by ample varietal tannins yet is in no way crude or coarse, but it is a wine meant for the cellar and is a serious effort with the structure and stamina to grow for a good eight to ten years.*

Vineyards:

The Lupin Ridge Vineyard is the highest elevation vineyard planted at roughly 1,900 feet in the up-and-coming Moon Mountain District AVA in the Sonoma side of the Mayacamas Mountains. It borders the famed Napa Valley AVA of Mt. Veeder and shares a very similar climate but for the western facing exposure. The vineyard is planted exclusively to clone 337 Cabernet Sauvignon. It's rocky volcanic soils and hot days produce tiny, thick skinned berries with intense flavor.

Winemaking:

The hand-picked fruit was destemmed, sorted and moved to a single open top fermenter. After a 5-day cold soak the must was inoculated and fermented at warm temperature for maximum extraction. The wine stayed on its skins for only 17 days before being pressed at dryness.

Technical Data:

pH: 3.60n

TA: 6.3 g/ L

Alc: 14.9%

Winemaker: Casey Stringer