



2018 ULYSSES Napa Valley

TASTING NOTE

Notes of truffle, blackberries, cassis bud and tobacco with tight polished tannins. A vertical structure and persistent intensity.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2018 season started late and harvest from September 26 - October 15 was 6 days later than our historical average. Seasonal rainfall was light (22" versus 31" annual average) and the beginning of summer remained consistently warm. In late summer, temperatures dropped below norms with morning fog in August and September. The fruit ripened slowly in the absence of heat spikes and harvest began with young vines of Cabernet Sauvignon. A storm system which brought 1.2" of rain on October 2 and 3 interrupted picking. Hot and very dry weather returned on October 5 and harvest continued with Cabernet Sauvignon on October 8, followed by Petit Verdot. We picked 57% of our fruit between October 8 – 15. The grapes were full and ripe and the resulting wines are deep, complex and well-articulated.

Budbreak:	April 3
Bloom:	May 24
Veraison:	August 4
Harvest Start:	September 26
Harvest End:	October 15
Yields:	2.5 – 3.2 tons/acre
Bottling:	May 2020
Cases Produced:	1300
Release Date:	2022

Ulysses is a Cabernet Sauvignon with a touch of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot produced from Ulysses Vineyard, Oakville, California.