

THE 2018 LAVA BLOCK

WINEGROWING INFORMATION

The Lava Block is a 14 acre micro-climate within Kamen Estate. Planted in 2008, it is the rockiest slope in the vineyard requiring extensive planting efforts. The wines grown on this parcel of the estate showcase a distinct and unique expression of Kamen Estate vineyard.

In 2018, Northern California experienced a dry winter. In May, after bud break, we received 6 inches of rain. Fast forward to the summer solstice in late June and we saw our first of many 100 degree days. The late rain combined with the heat created lush, fruitful vines. The heat calmed down after veraison and we had slow ripening and prolonged hang time which allowed the classic Kamen flavors to explode. All in all, a terrific vintage!

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Lava Block offers aromas and flavors that match its color—deep blackish purple. Abundant aromas of blackberry, Marionberry, black currants and ripe plums are stitched together with hints of tree nuts and Pu-erh tea. Secondary notes of sexy oak, black cardamom, dark chocolate, rock dust, cherry liqueur and ground black pepper add complexity. An absolutely delicious flavor profile showcasing gobs of dark, luscious fruit, exotic spice box and minerality. The wine possesses an incredible balance of fruit and tannins which play exquisitely through the resounding finish. The Lava Block represents a unique and distinct voice from the Kamen Estate. Enjoy over its 15-year evolution.

Vineyard Information

100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon at elevations of 1100–1450 ft.
Moon Mountain District AVA, Certified Organic

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 15.7% | Production: 425 cases | Release Date: February 2021

