



# PARALLEL NAPA VALLEY

## 2018 BLACK DIAMOND RESERVE NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON "CAPTIVATOR"

On the ski slopes, Black Diamond runs let you know that you are about to experience the most exhilarating runs the mountain has to offer. Our Black Diamond Reserve is used to mark the best barrels we produce annually. The 2009 release of Black Diamond Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was the beginning of an ongoing program that now culminates each year during Harvest Season with a "Name the Vintage" contest. Parallel Wines' fans submit a Black Diamond or Double Black Diamond ski run at a favorite resort, and the winner is rewarded with an etched 3L bottle of their named vintage upon its release.

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### PHILIPPE MELKA WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

"THE WINE IS DARK IN COLOR WITH EXCELLENT AROMAS OF DARK FRUIT, BLACK CURRANT, CEDAR BOX, FLORAL AND MOUNTAIN HERBS. ON THE PALATE LAYERS OF PLUM, BLACKBERRIES AND CURRANTS WITH HINTS OF SUMMER SAVORY, THYME AND A TOUCH OF VANILLA FROM THE FRENCH OAK. THE TANNIN STRUCTURE AND ACIDITY ADD A LINGERING COMPLEXITY AND LENGTH TO THE WINE. SHOWING WELL NOW AND WILL HIT ITS PRIME IN 5-15 YEARS."

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### 92POINTS - WINE ENTHUSIAST

"THIS UNABASHEDLY RIPE AND ROBUST WINE IS 100% VARIETAL AND MADE BY PHILIPPE MELKA AND TEAM. GRAVEL, DUST, MOCHA AND EARTHY SAGE RIDE ATOP SUBSTANTIAL TANNIN, WITH LENGTH AND BREADTH, STRONG NOTES OF TOASTED OAK AND CURRANT."



Vintage: 2018  
Ski Resort: Mt Rose Ski Tahoe,  
Tahoe, Nevada  
Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
AVA: Napa Valley  
Harvest Date: October 12-13, 2018  
Alcohol: 15.9%

pH: 3.76  
Brix: 26.8  
Fermentation: 24 days in stainless  
steel  
Aging: 100% French Oak; 80% New  
French Oak  
Bottling Date: February 3, 2021  
Production: 221 cases