



United Cellars



LE P'TIT PAYSAN

Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

A beautiful example of 'old school' California Cabernet made with minimal intervention from mature vineyards.

VINEYARDS

Cab sourced from 2 vineyards: the 60 yr old Brigantino Vineyard originally planted for Almaden and the 45yr old Wheeler Ranch growing in calcareous alluvial deposits over the San Benito Arroyo. Petite Verdot from Paicines AVA, rocky alluvial deposits above the Tres Pinos arroyo. All vineyards experience warm days, cold nights typical of the Central Coast, allowing these late ripening Bordeaux varieties to be picked at high acidity and moderate sugars.

WINEMAKING

Fermented whole berry, (grapes that are destemmed), allowing slower extraction, of tannins into the must, within several lots. Pressed after approximately 20 days. Aged for 11 months on lees in mostly neutral barrels with a couple of new barrels sprinkled in.

TASTING NOTE

Med-full bodied wine and low alcohol, allows nuances of dark black fruit, purple violets, and a slight hint of dried herbs to explode in the nose and on the palate. The combination of well-drained, alluvial soils, old vines, daytime heat, and nighttime cool, creates fruit that is uncommonly structured and ripe, yet fresh and mineral driven.

PRESS & ACCOLADES

92 points - vintage 2018 - *Wine Enthusiast*

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PRODUCER

I Brand & Family Winery

ORIGIN

*San Benito County
Salinas, California*

APPELLATION

Central Coast

WINEMAKER

Ian Brand

VARIETIES

*95% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Petit Verdot*

AGING

11 months on lees in mostly natural barrels

AGE OF VINES

25 - 45 Years

ELEVATION

50 to 850 m

SOIL

Calcareous, shallow and rocky alluvial

ALCOHOL CONTENT

13.3 %

FARMING

Sustainable