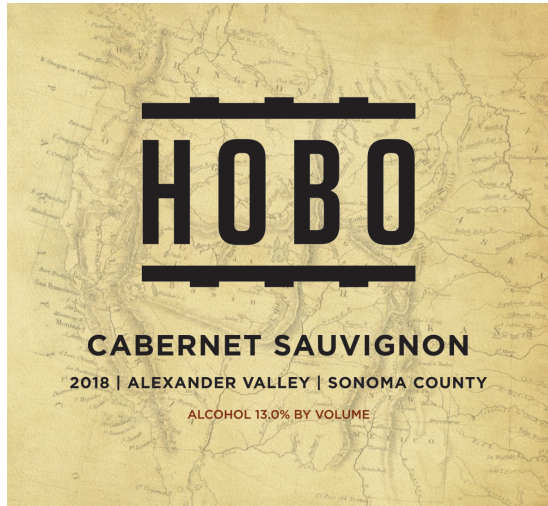




# ALEXANDER VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018



Our Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is intended to be approachable, consumed relatively young, and a versatile food companion. We are always after a more subtle, more restrained, almost lighter style of Cabernet Sauvignon than what may be typical in California these days, but also something that is bright and characteristic of the variety. Lean and a little rustic like a lot of French wine, but fruit forward like the best of California.

The 2018 is more of a BDX blend than previous vintages.

- 56% from Mitch Patin's Lloyd Vineyard on West Soda Rock Road planted in 1998 towards the southern end of Alexander Valley on the banks of the Russian River
- 30% from a steep knoll called Trieb Vineyard in the more northern reaches of the Alexander Valley
- 8% is Malbec from the J Rickards Vineyard in Cloverdale
- 6% from a Merlot vineyard called Mojon's Bench that we farm in Alexander Valley

As always, we prefer a non-extractive fermentation in open-tops with minimal cap manipulation, and native yeasts. Post-pressing, the wine is racked to 2nd fill French oak barrels and left on the lees till summer, then racked once with a total time in barrels of about 15 months.

	Technical Info	Notes:
Harvest	September 13 & 28	
pH	3.65	
TA	6.60 g/L	
R.S.	0.01%	
Alcohol	13.0% by volume	
Production	820 cases	

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