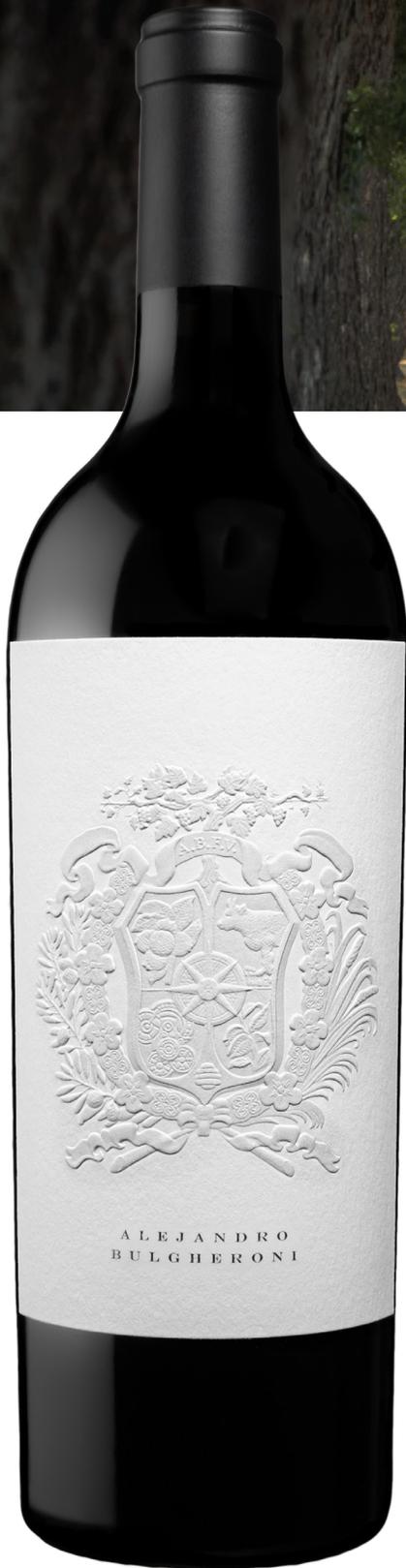


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2018 NAPA VALLEY ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

It is hard to imagine with the Lithology range receiving 298 points out of 300 for the three single-vineyard wines, that there could possibly be a wine above them. But there is, and it is our Estate wine. Blended several times very intently by masters of their craft Philippe Melka and Michel Rolland, this is the ultimate expression of our house's work. Positive, full-bodied, and quite powerful, there's the expected crème de cassis and blackberry from St. Helena Cabernets, with mineral, herb, subtle tobacco and vanilla, plum skins, and pie crust, purple flowers, forest-conifer notes, and very fine tannic structure. It is a magnificent, and magnificently elegant expression of this house, and when asked recently, Monsieur Rolland stated plainly to me, "oh yes indeed – this is the best one, the best yet..."

APPELLATION:	Napa Valley
BLEND:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
FERMENTATION:	60% Oak, 18% Concrete, 13% Stainless, 9% Puncheon
AGING:	20 months in 78% new French Oak
WINEMAKERS:	Philippe Melka, Michel Rolland, Matt Sands
HARVESTED:	10/1/2018 - 10/25/2018
BOTTLING DATE:	6/10/2020



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