



Harvest & Varietal Information

VINTAGES: 2017, 2018

VINEYARD LOCATIONS: 78% Spring Mountain District, 22% Valley Floor, 100% Napa Valley

RELEASE DATE: October 1, 2024

Our intention with the Cain Cuvée has not wavered since the very first release, more than thirty years ago. In 1998, it became even more focused with the inception of blending two vintages. This is a wine for the table, meant to enhance your meal, not to make a statement all about itself. Thus, as we have written now for many years on the back label, it is “Harvested, Vinified, and Blended for Freshness, Lightness, Complexity, and Balance.”

In the NV18, the Cain Vineyard more than dominates, contributing over three quarters of the total, split evenly between the two vintages, while Merlot grown on the valley floor provides a silky-fruity backdrop.

Once again, the **NV18 Cain Cuvée** illustrates perfectly the way in which two vintages blended together can complement one another. 2017 will be remembered for the first in a series of wildfires that visited the Napa Valley. As a result, most of the 2017 blended into the NV18 was Merlot, harvested before the fires. These early pickings gave us some lovely, light, perfumed wines, perfect for Cain Cuvée. Then came a recompense in 2018. It was truly a wonderful year and gave us the full gamut with which to compose—everything we needed to complete the NV18.

The Cain Cuvée is a beautiful wine of surprising complexity and depth that will age easily for another decade or more. But don't wait. You'll find it delicious today with pasta and red sauce, grilled chicken, or steak frites. *Bon appétit!*

Christopher Howell, Wine-Grower

About Cain Vineyard & Winery

Cain Vineyard & Winery overlooks St. Helena from the top of Spring Mountain in the western mountains of the Napa Valley. The estate vineyard is planted to the classic set of five varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot.

For information on our signature blend, Cain Five, visit www.CainFive.com