



2018 Las Posadas

HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY

Las Posadas sits on the west side of Howell Mountain in a pocket that is much smaller and less populated than the rest of Angwin. Of all of the single vineyard sites in 2018, Las Posadas proved to be the most challenging. Harvest in 2018 was a little more condensed than in previous vintages. The rain on October 1 forced our hand to pick fruit that we wanted to let hang for a few more days. Following the rain, it was all about patience and being selective once the fruit was ready. The strict blending criteria left a few of the lots out of the mix. There is no compromise when it comes to a final blend.

We were able to get a small amount of fruit off at the end of September prior to the rains but that wine fell short at the blending table. It took Las Posadas a full two weeks to dry out due to the iron rich clay soils. On consecutive days in mid-October, a larger amount of fruit was picked and combined from all corners of the property to create two opposing fermentations around Cabernet Franc. Later in October, the core pieces of Cabernet Sauvignon were finally ready. Two small fermentations on October 24 and 25 provided a launching pad for the 2018 Las Posadas wine. Both of these tanks were so special and really defined what we consider Howell Mountain. Of the five fermentations, a mere 9 barrels were selected as the final blend. Proof that it is all about the best possible wine, not the quantity. The 2018 Las Posadas is a blend of 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Cabernet Franc, 19% Petit Verdot, 8% Merlot and 4% Malbec.

INAUGURAL VINTAGE: 2006

ACREAGE: 33

SOIL COMPOSITION: Red Aiken

VARIETIES: Cabernet Sauvignon,
Cabernet Franc, Petit
Verdot, Malbec, Merlot
Sept 26, Oct 14, 15, 24, 25

HARVEST DATES: 9 Barrels

PRODUCTION: Feb 2021

BOTTLED: Spring

RELEASE DATE: 2023