

Robert Foley Vineyards, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California, USA 2018



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Tasted by: Jonathan Cristaldi
 (at Angwin, California, 30 Jul 2025)
Drinking Window: 2025 - 2040

The 2018 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is the current release, sourced from Howell Mountain, Mount Veeder, Atlas Peak, and Calistoga. Composed entirely of Cabernet Sauvignon, much of it from Clone 7, the wine shows the clone's hallmark robustness and perfectly ripe fruit. Aromatics of pure cassis, blueberry, and black cherry mingle with tobacco, loamy earth, sagebrush, and a hint of black olive. Full-bodied, it carries silky, supple tannins and crushed-stone minerality, layered with further loamy earth and pressed wildflowers. Exceptional length, tension, and energy support the rich dark-fruit profile. Robert Foley has been making wine in Napa Valley since 1977, learning under Joe Heitz and André Tchelistcheff before shaping the styles at Markham and Pride Mountain, and founding his own Howell Mountain estate in 1998. Known for patient, long-lived reds, he insists that real winemaking begins in the vineyard.

Producer	Robert Foley Vineyards
Brand	Cabernet Sauvignon
Vintage	2018
Wine Type	Still
Colour	Red
Country	USA
Region	California
Appellation	Napa Valley
Sweetness	Dry
Closure	Cork
Alcohol	15.50%
Body	Full
Oak	Yes
Grapes	100% Cabernet Sauvignon