



CULMINA
FAMILY ESTATE WINERY

Hypothesis 2018

VARIETAL		HARVEST DATE		VINEYARD & APPELLATION	
Cabernet Franc (32%)		October 29th		Arise & Stan's Benches	
Cabernet Sauvignon (31%)		November 9th		Golden Mile Bench	
Merlot (25%)		October 17th			
Petit Verdot (6.5%)		November 14th			
Malbec (5.5%)		October 8th			
RS RESIDUAL SUGAR	TA TITRATABLE ACIDITY	pH		ALC	
0.55 g/L	5.58 g/L	3.94		14%	
FERMENTATION			BRIX AT HARVEST		
100% French Oak			24°		
35% New			BOTTLING DATE		
20% 1-year-old			July 24, 2020		
45% neutral			AGING POTENTIAL		
MATURATION			Present - 2028		
16 months in barrel					

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

A cool start in 2018 resulted in a slightly later budbreak at the end of April, with warm temperatures in May leading to early flowering. Warm conditions continued until mid-summer, at which point temperatures cooled to bring seasonal veraison in mid-August. This swing of the pendulum allowed for phenolic and flavour development to finally catch up with that of sugar development for a well-balanced profile in all varieties.

TASTING NOTES

Opulent and refined, the bouquet brings complex aromas of cedar bark, leather, cocoa nibs and dark cherries. The generous palate is layered with succulent dark fruits, licorice and baking spice supported by balance acidity and silky tannins. The nuances of 2018 Hypothesis unfold gradually over a long and persistent finish.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Smoked beet, pomegranate and warm farro wheat salad topped with toasted almonds; Crispy risotto al salto topped with a wild boar ragù; Roast squab & foie gras en croute with porcini mushrooms and warba potatoes; Venison tenderloin with sunchoke dauphinoise and black trumpet mushrooms; Full flavoured hard cheeses such as two-year aged Gouda

"The palate offers a plethora of red and black summer berries along with delicate oak spice and firm tannins... Opens up quickly in the glass."

90 Points - Sara d'Amato

Silver Medal Winner, WineAlign NWAC 2023

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