

TURNBULL

2019

BLACK LABEL
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

"THE HOLISTIC BALANCE THIS WINE POSSESSES AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE MAKES THIS, IN MY OPINION, THE BEST BLACK LABEL IN MY FIFTEEN YEARS AS WINEMAKER AT TURNBULL—WHICH I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY AFTER THE 2017 VINTAGE. A STUNNING REPRESENTATION THAT OVER-DELIVERS ON ITS LEGACY AND FLAGSHIP STATUS AS OUR 'BEST OF THE BEST' BARREL OFFERING."

-PETER HEITZ, WINEMAKER

OUR STORY

Turnbull is rooted in the culture and history of the Napa Valley, making wine of exceptional quality in Oakville since 1979. At the core of our independently owned business is our estate-grown fruit, which we carefully tend to from dirt to bottle. We craft our wines with integrity and without compromise, and our signature is a wine defined by consistency of balance, structure, and depth.

WINEMAKING

It starts with the painstaking process of vinifying lot by lot, tasting and evaluating each for specific attributes and characteristics. Winemaker Peter Heitz weaves together a narrative of place, tasting through and chalking each barrel, one by one, to determine the final blends. Our wines are aged in 100% French Oak barrels and rest in bottle for extended time so that they may be enjoyed as they were intended: upon release and over the long-term.

This bottling is a signature selection of individual barrels that showcase dark, brooding, hedonistic characteristics, with dusty black fruits and an exotic floral lift. These barrels over-deliver, resulting in a wine of astounding purity and density.

VINEYARDS

Black Label is a story of two alter egos coming together: Leopoldina Vineyard meets Fortuna Vineyard. The core of Black Label comes from our Leopoldina Vineyard, perched high atop the Oakville Bench. This vineyard delivers big, darkly brooding fruit notes and rich, hedonistic tones with well-defined structure and texture. Our Fortuna Vineyard, situated upon the Eastern Oakville alluvial fan, contributes a classic spice-box note, and highlights lift and focus, enhancing length and purity.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 growing season set the stage for another amazing vintage in Napa Valley. Generous rainfall at the start of growing season preceded a long, warm summer with few extreme heat events. Cool, foggy mornings preserved freshness and finesse in the fruit, while abundant hang time on the vines allowed for ideal color, structure, and fruit tone extraction. The result: exceptional, balanced fruit with bright acidity, ample texture, and supple tannins.

TASTING NOTES

The wine immediately lifts with an essence of opulent cassis, dusty blackberries, ripened plum, and black tea spices. This aromatic force suddenly widens into a pure and powerful core of dark finesse. Dimpled tannins accelerate with wonderful focus and width, coating the mid-palate with notes of black mulberries, crème de cassis, juniper, and graphite. This enchanting darkness carries through the marvelous finish with unparalleled beauty and clarity.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

ALCOHOL

14.5% by volume

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD BREAKDOWN

91% Leopoldina Vineyard, Oakville
9% Fortuna Vineyard, Oakville

ACCOLADES

Vinous — 96 Points

Wine Advocate — 95 Points

James Suckling — 92 Points

