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2018 Bryant Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

The flagship 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon is pure perfection, and classic, finesse, and structure-driven Napa Cabernet doesn't get any better. This full-bodied, concentrated effort is more masculine and mineral-laced compared to the prettier Bettina cuvée, yet it still has incredible elegance, building, seamless tannins, no hard edges, and simply nothing out of place. Offering notes of cassis, lead pencil, spice box, crushed stone, and hints of flower, it builds beautifully with air and is a wine that always seems to offer something new every time you come back to the glass. Hats off to proprietor Bettina Bryant and winemaker Kathryn Carothers (aka "KK") for a legendary Napa Valley Cabernet that will evolve for 30-40 years.

-100 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*

2018 BETTINA Proprietary Red Blend

Possibly the finest vintage for this cuvée (at least that I've tasted), the 2018 Bettina is a brilliant blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 13% Petit Verdot, and the rest Cabernet Franc. Its vivid ruby/purple color is followed by a captivating nose of crème de cassis, white flowers, toasty oak, bay leaf, and mountain scrub brush-like nuances. Medium to full-bodied, flawlessly balanced, and seamless on the palate, it's going to benefit from bottle age, but I'd certainly struggle to keep my hands off bottles.

-97 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*

2018 DB4 Red Wine Blend

What can be thought of as the second wine of the estate, the 2018 DB4 is beautiful, offering a medium to full-bodied, elegant, and seamless profile that certainly gives you a glimpse of the style and quality found in both the Bettina and flagship Cabernet. Complex toasted spice notes, dried herbs, flowers, and pure cassis all emerge from the glass, and it shines for its elegance and balance. It's going to evolve for 15-20 years with no issues.

-92 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*

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