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2018 Vintage Snapshot

I absolutely adore the expression of these Bryant 2018s. There is a natural, seemingly effortless beauty about the wines. Indeed, these wines have amazing restraint, and while they have the structure and stuffing for long aging, they seem to be holding something back at this stage. Higher scores could well be warranted with further time in bottle.

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2018 Bryant Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Composed of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon was aged in French oak, 75% new, and bottled in July 2020. Very deep purple-black in color, it needs a fair bit of swirling to unlock beautifully pure notions of baked plums, blackcurrant pastilles, black raspberries and boysenberries with fragrant suggestions of violets, iron ore, tilled soil, tree bark and wild fungi plus a touch of garrigue. The medium to full-bodied palate is very tightly knit with exquisitely pixilated, very fine tannins and great tension supporting the intense, wonderfully nuanced fruits, finishing very long and very minerally. 616 cases were made. **99+ pts**

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2018 BETTINA Proprietary Red Blend

The 2018 Bettina Bryant Proprietary Red Wine is a blend... It was aged in French oak, 75% new, and bottled in July 2020. This year there was a small amount of stem inclusion with the Cabernet Franc fermentation. Very deep purple-black colored, it opens with beautiful spice and floral notions of cinnamon, cloves, lavender and roses over a core of black and red currant jelly, Morello cherries and boysenberries with a waft of dusty soil. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is very tightly wound with firm, fine-grained tannins and lovely freshness, finishing long and mineral laced. 580 cases were made. **95+ pts**

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2018 DB4 Red Wine Blend

Composed of 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc and 6% Petit Verdot, the 2018 Proprietary Red DB4 was aged in French oak, 72% new, and bottled in July 2020. Deep garnet-purple colored, it bursts from the glass with flamboyant red fruit scents of kirsch, red plum preserves and redcurrant jelly giving way to a blackberry compote and cassis core with emerging nuances of cedar chest, pencil lead and dried Provence herbs. Full-bodied, the structure is super firm and tightly grained with fantastic freshness, while the mid-palate is powerfully fruited, finishing long and earthy. 610 cases were made. **93+ pts**

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