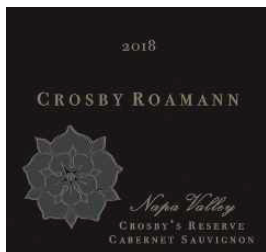


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YEAR'S BEST CABERNETS



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2018 Napa Valley Crosby's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon With a winery based in a converted warehouse in the city of Napa, Sean McBride focused this cabernet on fruit from Coombsville's Harmony School Vineyard, with additional cabernet and merlot from a vineyard in Calistoga. It's an elegant red, with the cedar scent of a tobacconist's shop. While the wine is completely savory, it's also supple, filled with luscious dark-berry flavors and a sensation of cocoa dusting the tannins. McBride allows his destemmed fruit to spontaneously ferment in oak barrels and, after aging, bottles it without fining or filtering; the wine feels like a live connection to its source in the Coombsville hills.—J.G.§