



## Eleanor 2018 RED WINE



I met Eleanor in 1962 on the set of my first feature film. Having much in common, our friendship blossomed into a romance; we married, started a family, and dreamt of having a small country house in the Napa Valley and a few acres of grapes. Unexpectedly, we found ourselves the owners of a large, beautiful wine estate. We now have wineries in both Napa and Sonoma valleys. Eleanor has always been a true partner in all my endeavors, bringing her creativity, honesty and generous spirit to it all — she's wife, mother, artist, filmmaker — collaborator and inspiration. For all this and more, after 50 years of marriage, I want to honor her with 'Eleanor', her own wine. — Francis Coppola

### THE LABEL

The floral Art Deco design on the label honors Eleanor's love of textiles. She has traveled the world in pursuit of her passion for unique fabrics. This label reflects her special love for patterns that were prevalent during the Art Deco period.

### THE WINE

Similar to Australia's famed Penfold's Grange, the 2018 vintage of Eleanor is a robust red blend that combines Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon from Sonoma; a unique bottling that is very long lived with exceptional depth and complexity.

### THE VINTAGE

Recent vintages have seen a return to classic seasonal patterns, where a cold, rainy winter prepares the vines for warm temperatures later. In 2018, precipitation carried on into spring, extending the growing period several weeks past the preceding year. There were also fewer heat spikes this season, allowing the fruit to ripen at a nice steady pace, and providing slightly larger yields of very well-balanced fruit.

### THE TASTE

Extraordinary aromas and mouth-filling flavors highlight the 2018 Eleanor, a rich, velvety wine with sophisticated levels of complexity. Sonoma fruit provides this vintage with polish and a wealth of structure to further evolve in the bottle. Lively notes of plum, coconut, and roasted nuts on the nose are accentuated on the palate with impressions of tobacco, chocolate, baking spices, vanilla, plums, and blue fruit. Excellent length and concentration make this a vintage to remember.

**APPELLATION:** Sonoma County

**BLEND:** 55% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
32% Syrah, 6% Malbec,  
4% Petite Sirah, 3% Cabernet Franc

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**BARREL REGIMEN:** 15 months in French oak