



BYRON

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LOS ANGELES

### 2018 Byron Blatty Proprietary Red, Los Angeles County

The 2018 Byron Blatty Proprietary Red Wine is an expression of Cabernet Sauvignon that pushes the boundaries of what is possible with L.A. fruit. This opulent wine is reminiscent of its brethren in the north, and reveals a whole new potential for Los Angeles terroir. Presented in heavy weight Bordeaux glass, sealed with the finest corks designed for long term aging, and adorned with our monogram printed with actual platinum, this wine is an absolute show stopper. While it drinks superbly already, this wine will undoubtedly reward patient cellaring for a decade or more.

### Vintage Notes

In 2018, the second vintage after the easing of extreme drought conditions in California, saw much less rain than the previous year. However, reserves in the water table helped the vineyards thrive throughout the year, and again extend the season into a later than normal harvest. The vintage is showing greater concentration and a more structure than 2017, with plenty of bright fruit to lead the way.

### Winegrowing & Production Notes

The Proprietary Red comes from the Lobo Vineyard in L.A.'s Malibu Coast AVA, which we manage exclusively, effectively making this an estate wine. A steep hillside vineyard, planted in rocky, raised seabed, with ocean breezes that flow through from the canyon make this an ideal site for Cabernet Sauvignon. All of the fruit is hand picked, cold soaked for 5 days after crush, then fermented in open top bins before pressing into 100% new French oak barrels, where it ages for 22 months, and an additional year in bottle before release.

### Tasting Notes

Extravagant aromas of black, candied fruit, earth and spice harmonize on the intense nose offering and endless journey to the fruit laden core. The sip offers focused, crystal clear fruit precisely balanced by acidity, and perfectly integrated fine grain tannins that slowly reveal layer after layer of flavor and nuance. Intense red and black fruits ride graphite and pristine minerality through the endless finish. Decanting recommended.

### Technical Notes

Vintage:	2018
Varietal(s):	98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc
Appellation:	Los Angeles County
Vineyard Designation:	Lobo Vineyard
Titratable Acidity:	.765
pH:	3.76
Fermentation & Aging:	Open top bins / 22 months in French oak, 100% new
Bottling Date:	July 14th, 2020
Alcohol:	15.1%
Production:	505 cases / two barrels
Suggested Retail:	\$150.00 / bottle - 750ml

