

BYRON  
**BLATTY**  
LOS ANGELES

**2018 Cabernet Sauvignon, Los Angeles County**

The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon from Byron Blatty marks our first single varietal release, as well as our first wine from the Malibu Coast AVA. Loaded with fruit, silky tannins, and beautiful aromatics, this Cabernet Sauvignon is pure elegance.

**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**

Our Cabernet is a blend of 93% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Montagneux Vineyard in the Malibu Hills, planted on rocky, raised seabed, on steep slopes overlooking the Pacific Ocean, blended with 7% Syrah from the Alonso Family Vineyard in the Sierra Pelona Mountains north of Santa Clarita. The fruit was all harvested by hand, and cold soaked for 48 hours, before native yeasts kicked off the fermentation. After fermentation was complete, the wine was aged on the lees for 6 months, before it was racked and returned to French oak barrels (65% new), then aged for 16 months.

**Tasting Notes**

Dark chocolate, espresso, a touch of black liquorish, and hazelnut, open the festivities on the nose that is loaded with black cherry, blackberry and bramble. A supple core of black cherry and cola greet the palate with sleek, fine grained tannins that gently grip. Strawberry sundae drizzle dances on the persistent finish, that lingers and flashes a touch of earth.

**Technical Notes**

Vintage:	2018
Varietal(s):	93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Syrah
Appellation:	Los Angeles County
Vineyard Designation:	Montagneux Vineyard, Alonso Family Vineyards
Titrateable Acidity:	.765
pH:	3.76
Fermentation:	Open Top Bins
Aging:	16 months in French & American oak, 65% new
Bottling Date:	February 23rd, 2020
Alcohol:	15.2%
Production:	65 cases
Suggested Retail:	\$45.00 / bottle - 750ml

