

Detert Family Vineyards East Block Cabernet Franc 2018



The Detert East Block is a rare jewel – 7 acres within the historic To Kalon Vineyard of old-vine Cabernet Franc whose lineage stretches back to the early history of grape growing in Napa Valley. Planted in 1949, it is thought to be the first planting of Cabernet Franc in Napa Valley and has been farmed by the Detert family for over 60 years.

Beginning with the first vintage of Cabernet Franc in 2000, this wine fashioned by blending their two Cabernet Franc vineyard blocks, the East Block and West Block, together to create the Detert Cabernet Franc bottling. In 2009, they began holding back one barrel of East Block so they could illustrate the impressive quality of these heritage vines and pay homage to the vineyard's history. Each year since then they have done the same, keeping just a small amount of the East Block Cabernet Franc separate for their rare East Block bottling.

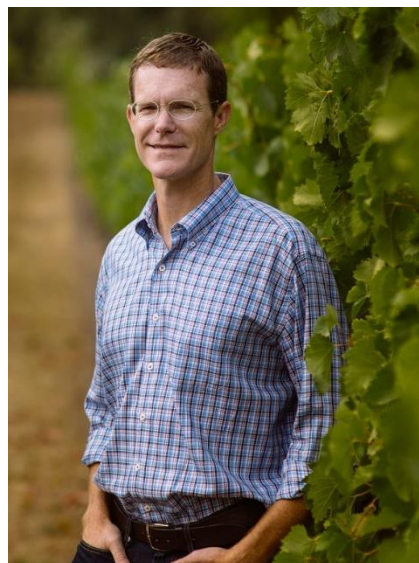
2018 Vintage Tasting Notes

This wine delivers intoxicating aromas of floral cassis, bittersweet cocoa, licorice, black currant, and lavender. There are rich layers of dark fruits, herb, mineral, dark chocolate, and complex earthy notes on the palate. It also provides a remarkable combination of pure flavors, silky texture, and a brooding density, and lifting energy and freshness. This wine is absolutely delicious with a sophisticated balance of power, richness, and vibrancy.

Tom Garrett

Founder & Winemaker, Detert Family Vineyards

The Detert wines are crafted by Tom Garrett, one of the three great-grandsons behind the Detert label. In his youth, Tom (along with his brother John and Cousin Bill) got his start in winemaking while helping the family make small batches of Cabernet Franc at home in the garage. But his career in the wine industry really began in 1999 when he joined Turley Wine Cellars in St. Helena to learn the craft as a cellar hand. From there, he spent 15 years working with the exceptional winemaking mentors at some of Napa Valley's finest wineries including Joseph Phelps, Robert Mondavi and Revana Family Vineyards. Since 2013, Tom has focused solely on Detert Family Vineyards and his other Napa Valley based winery, Dakota Shy.



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