



# 2018 RELENTLESS®

NAPA VALLEY

*Celebrating the 20th Anniversary Vintage of Relentless*

This wine honors long-time Shafer Winemaker Elias Fernandez and his relentless pursuit of quality. Sourced from ridgetop vineyards adjacent to the southern border of Stags Leap District, the grapes for Relentless are a proprietary blend of Syrah and Petite Sirah.

Release Date	March 15, 2022
Vineyard Locations	Ridgetop and foothills sites along the Vaca Mountains just south of Stags Leap District
2018 Growing Season	A lengthy, cool, steady growing season created ideal conditions for the fruit to hang on the vine a long time in the summer sun developing rich color, alluring aromas, and luxuriant flavors.
Varietal Composition	76% Syrah, 24% Petite Sirah
Brix at Harvest	24.0° - 26.0°
Cooperage	30 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Allier & Tronçais)
Alcohol	15.8%



### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*“The ideal 2018 vintage has produced a Relentless that balances richness and vivacity. There’s heft and structure along with mouth-coating flavors that go on and on. Uncork this bottle and you’ll find layers of blackberry compote, red and black spice, dried black fruit, black tea, tobacco, and earthiness. All this liquid midnight comes with an undercarriage of ripe tannin that promises much more beauty and opulence in the decades ahead.”* — **ELIAS FERNANDEZ**

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

*“The 2018 Relentless is fabulous. I can’t remember tasting a Relentless with so much aromatic intensity and finesse. An explosion of aromas and flavors makes a strong first impression. The richness of the fruit is remarkable ... this full-bodied, opulent Syrah/Petite Sirah blend shows everything its got.”* — **ANTONIO GALLONI, VINOUS**

*“The 2018 Relentless looks to be just about sensational, offering a dense purple color as well as rich, loaded notes of blackberries, currants, smoked meats, peppery spice, and violets ... this will undoubtedly be a great vintage for this cuvée, and my money is on it being one of the best yet.”*

— **JEB DUNNUCK**

### VINOUS SHAFER VINEYARDS

Shafer Vineyards is a 30,000 case winery in Napa Valley’s Stags Leap District. The Shafer family owns and farms 200 acres of vineyards, sources for Shafer’s Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Malbec, Merlot, Syrah, and Petite Sirah.