



2018 TD-9®

NAPA VALLEY

TD-9 is a proprietary blend that celebrates a bold move. In 1973, in the space of a few months, John Shafer went from riding morning commuter trains in Chicago to teaching himself to drive a TD-9 tractor in our Napa Valley vineyard. He'd never grown grapes or made wine in his life. That spirit of risk-taking and adventure still guides Shafer today and inspired the creation of this new wine.

<i>Release Date</i>	September 1, 2020
<i>Vineyard Locations</i>	Stags Leap District, Yountville, and a vineyard in the foothills of the Vaca Mountains just south of Stags Leap District
<i>2018 Growing Season</i>	A lengthy, cool, steady summer created ideal conditions for the fruit to hang on the vine a long time developing bold color, enticing aromas, and vivid, complex flavors.
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	56% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Malbec
<i>Brix at Harvest</i>	23.5° – 25.5°
<i>Cooperage</i>	20 months in 60-gallon French oak barrels (100% new: Allier and Tronçais)
<i>Alcohol</i>	15.3%
<i>Case Production</i>	8,000
<i>Suggested Retail</i>	\$60



WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

"The 2018 is an aromatic feast of summer berries, rose petal, rhubarb, raspberry, and black cherry jam. In the mouth this racy red blend is all juicy, briary red and black berry fruit that's spicy and energetic with a structure of ripe tannins and a long, plush finish." — **ELIAS FERNANDEZ**

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.