



# 2018 Gravelly Meadow

Diamond Creek Vineyards was founded on the philosophy that different soils impart distinct flavors in a wine. Planted in 1968 on pebbly, brown soil, the Gravelly Meadow Vineyard comprises approximately 5 acres of the total Diamond Creek estate.

The 2018 vintage gifted us a near-perfect growing season beginning in late February and unfolding into extended ripening and a slow, deliberate harvest beginning October 8 and ending November 6.

Carefully sorted berries were cold soaked for 4 to 5 days and fermented from 7 to 9 days, pressed at dryness, then barreled down into select French oak barriques for *élevage* of 21 months. The resulting wines interweave powerful tension with finesse and abounding depths of flavors.

- Harvested November 6th, 2018
- Aged 21 months in French oak
- Blend: 78.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8.4% Merlot, 8% Malbec, 5.1 % Petit Verdot
- Graphite, with sage and steeped black tea on the nose. The entry arrives stirring with well defined elegant tannins, currant, plum skin, spice, lavender, mineral, dried herbs, nutmeg and cacao flavors, that linger throughout a long finish. 650 cases produced.

