



2018 Volcanic Hill

Diamond Creek Vineyards was founded on the philosophy that different soils impart distinct flavors in a wine. Planted in 1968 on light, fluffy, ashy soil, the Volcanic Hill Vineyard comprises approximately 8 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.

- Harvest October 8th to October 31st, 2018
- Aged 21 months in French oak
- Blend: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12.5% Merlot, 8.7% Malbec, 2.8% Petit Verdot
- Aromas of cassis, black licorice, and bay leaf and ripe black cherries lift from the glass. Rich and elegant tannins, and labyrinth of blackberries begin the entry of this wine and lead to plum, cardamom, espresso, and scented earth that make it alluring in youth but will age well beyond. 800 cases produced.

