



## 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.

Release Date	September 1, 2020
Vineyard Locations	Stags Leap District, Yountville, and a vineyard in the foothills of the Vaca Mountains just south of Stags Leap District
2018 Growing Season	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.
Varietal Composition	56% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Malbec
Brix at Harvest	23.5° – 25.5°
Cooperage	20 months in 60-gallon French oak barrels (100% new: Allier and Tronçais)
Alcohol	15.3%



### 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**

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

*"The 2018 Red Blend TD-9 is deep purple-black colored and a little broody to begin, with youthful crushed black berries, tar and sautéed herbs notions giving way to pretty lavender, kirsch, black raspberries and underbrush scents. The full-bodied palate is firm with a nice bit of chew and lovely freshness, finishing long and savory."* — **LISA PERROTTI-BROWN, WINE ADVOCATE**

### 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.