

Iris  
VINEYARDS



## 2018 QUINTA DO CÁLICE

### Rogue Valley

World-class, award winning wines from grapes grown in the Rogue Valley.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

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I made my first batch of port style wine in 2011 followed by two more in 2012 and 2013. These were made largely for personal use. Based on the success of these wines from a quality and stylistic perspective Iris Vineyards chose to make some of this style wine for the 2018 vintage. We were fortunate to find some Portuguese varietals, grown at Gold Vineyard, to add to this unique blend. In keeping with the port style of production we picked these grapes a little later than we would have for dry, red wine. Upon arrival at our winery, we destemmed to a 1.25 ton fermenter and inoculated with yeast the next day. After 7 days of fermentation, having the amount of residual sugar we desired remaining in the wine, we added the neutral grape spirit to stop the fermentation. Following this we allowed the wine to soak with the skins and seeds for an additional 5 days to fully extract color and tannin into the wine. The wine was then aged in barrel for nearly three years before bottling.

#### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

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The 2018 vintage got off to a slightly slow start with budbreak occurring about 1 week later than the 25 year average in the Rogue Valley. Winter and spring rainfall were less than average. Wide ranging temperature cycles following budbreak were still warm enough overall that bloom and veraison both occurred on about the average dates. Tight labor supply was an ongoing challenge in 2018. Yield for the year was marginally higher than average and harvest wound up being about a week earlier than the 25 year average in spite of multiple rainstorms during the ripening period.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

**VARIETIES** 33% Syrah, 17% Tinta Roriz, 14% Cabernet franc, 11% Touriga Nacional, 11% Tinta Cao, 11% Tinta Barroca, 3% Viognier  
**AVA** Rogue Valley

**TA** 4.7g/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 44.1g/L

**ALCOHOL** 18.2%

**pH** 3.87

**ELEVAGE** 100% French Oak Barrels, 50% new

**VINEYARDS** Gold Vineyard and Steelhead Run Vineyard

**SOIL TYPES** Newberg, Camas and Evans

**HARVESTED** October 2018

**BOTTLED** April 2021

**CELLARING** 2-15 years

**RELEASED** November 2021

**CASES** 129

**WINEMAKER** Aaron Lieberman  
**PROPRIETOR** Pamela Frye

**SRP:** \$29.99