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Peter Franus Wine Company 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Brandlin Vineyard

Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley
Red wine from United States

Drinking window: 2024 - 2038

The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Brandlin Vineyard is one of the best wines I have tasted from Peter Franus, going back to 1998, the first vintage of his I tasted. Pliant and expressive, with tons of Mount Veeder savouriness, the Brandlin Cabernet is positively stellar. Inky red berry fruit, dried flowers, cedar, tobacco and iron are some of the many notes that develop in the glass. The 2018 is not a huge wine, but is impeccably balanced and beautifully persistent, with a long, cool finish that begs for a second taste.

Antonio Galloni, Tasting date: February 2021
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Drinking Window 2022 - 2040

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Blind tasted by Michelle Cherut-Kowal MW, James Dudge MW, Stefan Neumann MS (at London, 31 Jan 2022)

Part of California Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 and 2018: panel

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