



2018 FRIAS SMD

The SMD Vineyard is FRIAS' original site on Spring Mountain. The 2018 is a wonderful expression of this fantastic vineyard and vintage. Aromas of blackberry jam, cocoa, leather, and spice are seamlessly held up by silky tannins and balanced acidity.

WINEMAKERS NOTES:

The 2018 SMD gives up dark, toasty cherry and plum notes followed by mocha, cedar, creosote, saddle leather, a whiff of chocolate cake, and forest floor with some graphite. The bright, juicy blackberries on the palate burst forward with chunky tannins that turn silky, giving structure to a long fruited wine of purity.

All of the wines spent 19 months in French oak barrels and were bottled unfiltered. The wines show the best of their vibrancy in the first decade while being able to age longer and in the short-term benefit from being decanted to allow them to open up fully.

APPELLATION:	SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
VARIETAL:	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
ABV:	14.5%
PH:	3.77
TA:	5.88
PRODUCTION:	564 CASES
MSRP:	\$85

THE FRIAS STORY:

In 1977 Manny Frias Sr. purchased 100 acres at the base of the iconic Spring Mountain District in Napa Valley. In 1985, five of those acres were planted, and FRIAS Family Vineyard was born. The first vintage was 1991, and since then, the vineyards have expanded to over 13 acres planted to Cabernet Sauvignon. FRIAS also produces wines from single vineyards in Oakville and Yountville from families with whom they have long-standing relationships.

Second-generation brothers Fernando & Manny Frias Jr. are now at the helm, and continue the quest for excellence with their family-owned and artisanal winery. Winemaker Todd Heth has been with the team since 2004 crafting these polished and powerful wines.