



2017 Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

Winemaking Notes

- FRUIT** 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot
- VINTAGE** The 2017 vintage began with abundant rainfall and mild spring weather. Vines were vigorous thanks to the winter rains. Memorable weather events during the growing season included: A freak hailstorm passed through quickly in June causing isolated damage and three heat events, including one over Labor Day weekend, which was followed by thankfully cooler weather. Cooler weather allowed the late-ripening red grapes to continue to hang on the vine and reach optimal maturity.
- HARVEST DATES** September 6- October 7, 2017
Average Degrees Brix: 25.4
- WINEMAKING** The fruit for this wine comes from both our sustainably farmed vineyard in Rutherford, and from local Napa Valley vineyards. Each vineyard block was harvested and made into an individual lot representing that block. The wines were pressed off the skins from 10 to 30 days after crushing. Bottled in June 2019.
- AGING** Aged for 18 months in French and American oak barrels.
29% new American Oak, 11% new French Oak, 60% used barrels
- TASTING NOTES** Lovely red fruit characters of pomegranate, cassis and cherry are nuanced by riper tones of plum and chocolate. The wine is dense, with deep tannins enhanced by notes of fennel, vanilla and lovey notes of caramel and graphite originating from oak barrel aging. While drinkable now, this wine will cellar well through 2027 and perhaps longer.