

## **2017 Cabernet Sauvignon** Dulce

## WINEMAKING NOTES

FRUIT	99% Cabernet Sauvignon (Bartolucci Vineyard, St. Helena; Vyborny Vineyard, Oakville, Rafael Vineyard, Oak Knoll District), 1% Petit Verdot (Honig Estate)
HARVEST	Harvested on: September 20 – October 6, 2017 Brix: 24.1 degrees Residual sugar: 7.6% Alcohol: 18.5%
WINEMAKING	Fermentation is similar to that of Cabernet Sauvignon, but stopped halfway through by the addition of neutral grape spirits, creating a fortified dessert wine.
	Aged for 20 months in neutral French oak barrels Bottled: August 13, 2019 414 cases (12 x 375)
TASTING NOTES	This is a fortified dessert wine. Aromas and flavors are of dried blueberries and currants complemented by spice notes of nutmeg, allspice and clove. Framed by a suggestion of toasted walnuts, this dessert wine is a special after dinner treat that is easily enjoyed with salted nuts, intensely flavored hard cheeses or simply on its on its own. Like many fortified wines, it will age gracefully for a decade or more, even as it is enjoyable now.