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Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 Napa Valley

The Wine

Our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend created from select vineyards and appellations within the renowned Napa Valley. The 2017 vintage is a blend of Cabernet sauvignon (85%), Malbec (10%) and Merlot (5%). The wine was aged in French oak barrels, of which 45% were new, for 19 months.

Vintage Notes

If you're going to dance with Mother Nature, remember she always leads. – A Wise Napa Grape Grower

2017 brought drenching rains, easing drought concerns throughout northern California. Yountville got over twice as much rain than 2016, totaling over 50 inches; it was the third wettest rainy season in 100 years. We waded out ahead of rising flood waters on February 7th. Spring was wet and cold, slowing bud-break to mid-March. Following a slow-growth pattern of spring, June surprised us with hail, then turned up the heat - temps hovered in the 90s as the first of many sustained heat spells. In the damp, soft soils of our vineyard, grass and weeds grew before our eyes, and we moved into a very hot July and August with extremely vigorous vine growth producing big, leafy canopies. Twice as many hours of temperatures above 100 degrees wilted us in both months. Some growers felt these early waves acclimated the vines for the blazing days of September's record heat - 115 was recorded in Rutherford. Many invested in shade cloth, the only thing protecting delicate fruit from afternoon heat scorch. Fortunately, several cooler swings of temperatures followed the extreme heat, allowing fruit to hang and continue ripening through September's end and into October. We carefully scheduled picking, often in the coolest hours approaching sunrise. To cap the season, the recent October fires encircling Napa delayed the completion of harvest. 2017 will be very memorable indeed, beginning with a flood and ending in flames.

Tasting Notes

The gorgeous 2017 Napa Cabernet Sauvignon shows deep magenta core and inky hues around the rim. The wine is vibrant with intense aromas of cassis, sage and cocoa that exude from the glass. The palate is round and persistent, with rich flavors of ripe blue berry pie and exotics spices that intertwine with mineral notes of graphite and warm aromas of cedar to create a well-balanced and memorable bouquet.

Technical Analysis

Varietal	Cabernet sauvignon (85%), Malbec (10%), Merlot (5%)
Appellation	Napa Valley
Harvest Date	September 9 - October 28, 2017
Harvest Sugar	24.8 Brix
Total Acid	0.65 gm/100ml
pH	3.71
Alcohol	14.9%
Aging	19 months, 100% French Oak, 45% New
Bottle Date	June 2019
Production	13,362 bottles

