



2017 NAPA VALLEY  
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 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



#### 2017 VINTAGE

Marked by extreme conditions that reduced crop size, the 2017 vintage started with abundant winter rainfall followed by a mild spring which led to vigorous vines. The growing season saw three heat spikes, including one over Labor Day weekend kicking harvest into high gear. By October 8, nearly 90% of the grapes had been harvested and the resulting wine is characterized as elegant with a great complexity of flavor.

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The grapes for this 2017 Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested from vineyards within Napa Valley stretching from Oak Knoll to north of Calistoga with the majority of the fruit coming from our estate vineyards. Picked in the early morning hours to maintain freshness, the grapes went through extended maceration. The wine was aged for 18 months in 37% new French oak barrels before being bottled unfiltered.

A dark purple in the glass, this Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a beautiful nose of blue and black fruits. Expressive flavors of raspberry and blackberries are met with blackcurrant and warm plum. The wine has a lovely freshness and vibrancy with a medium bodied midpalate. Textured with plush tannins, the finish is smooth and velvety.

APPELLATION | Napa Valley

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

AGING | 18 months in 37% new French oak

PH | 3.72

TA | 6.0 g/L

VARIETALS | 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot, 2% Petite Sirah, 1% Merlot

#### THE DRESS CODE IS VELVET.

The velvet label symbolizes the texture, emotion, and feeling in the wine, the dynamic legacy of the Raymond family, and a vibrant vision of our future.

92 points

WINE ADVOCATE  
2017 VINTAGE

91 points

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WINE ADVOCATE  
2015 VINTAGE

93 points

WINE ADVOCATE  
2014 VINTAGE