



2017 NAPA VALLEY

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RED WINE



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

Harvested between September 6 and October 7, 2017 the grapes are the perfect blend of eight vineyards throughout Napa Valley. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot grapes were picked from select vineyards in St. Helena providing the wine with power and a good midpalate respectively. The Zinfandel grapes, which are from a vineyard in Calistoga, add nice aromatics to the wine while the Cabernet Franc is from a vineyard in the southern part of Napa which experiences cooler temperatures and adds structure. The grapes went through extended maceration with an average of 45 days on the skins before being aged in 24% new French oak barrels for 18 months before being bottled unfiltered.

This 2017 Red Wine is dark purple-black in color with bright red fruit aromas and a touch of spice that springs from the glass. Raspberry, dark cherry and blueberry flavors are met with freshly cracked pepper and anise in this structured wine with a velvety and weighted mouthfeel. This wine has good acidity, firm but, juicy tannins and a lingering finish.

APPELLATION | Napa Valley

ALCOHOL | 15%

AGING | 18 months in 24% new French oak

PH | 3.69

TA | 6.6 g/L

VARIETALS | 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Petit Verdot, 9% Zinfandel,
6% Cabernet Franc, 6% Merlot, 5% Petite Sirah, 4% Malbec

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.

“Raymond Vineyards has returned to the fold as one of the benchmark, classic estates in all of Napa.”

-Robert M. Parker, Jr.