

MERRYVALE

VINEYARDS

2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Calistoga



Winemaking

Merryvale's 2017 Calistoga Cabernet is sourced from three vineyards Amoenos, Profile Estate and Stagecoach. The fruit was hand harvested at night to retain freshness and acidity. After a 5 day cold soak in tank, the wines began native as well as commercial yeast fermentation. Two volumes of pumpovers per day, backing off at dryness, and pressing between 15-21 days on skins. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel and spent 22 months in French oak barrels. The wine was bottled without fining or filtration.

Vintage

Winemakers are optimistic about overall vintage quality, despite lower than average yields. The year began with abundant rainfall. Spring weather was mild, and the vines were vigorous thanks to the winter rains. Warm weather over Labor Day weekend kicked harvest into high gear, but cooler weather arrived immediately afterward allowing sugar levels to return to normal. Most late-ripening red grapes were picked over the next few weeks. We completed harvest on October 6th, just two days before the wine country wildfires started.

Tasting Notes

Powerful aromas of clove, sandalwood, and dried fruits. Despite the hot vintage, the wine is well balanced and highlighted by a spine of minerality. The tannins are present but not aggressive, and the finish is long and savory. A rustic, powerful Cabernet that truly represents the vintage. Drink now and over the next 10+ years.

Appellation:	Calistoga, Napa Valley
Blend:	97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec
Vineyards:	Amoenos, Profile Estate, Stagecoach
Cooperage:	70% new medium, medium-long toast French oak barrels for 22 months
Alc:	14.7%
PH:	3.8
TA:	5.5 g/L

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