

MERRYVALE

VINEYARDS

2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



Winemaking

Drawn from top Napa vineyards: Stagecoach, Hardman Stanton and Greenwood with each vineyard fermented separately in small tanks. Native fermentation started after a 5-day cold soak and reached a peak temperature of 90°F. The wines were pumped over a few times a day until dry and then pressed and drained to barrels where malolactic fermentation occurred. Aged in 50% new medium toast French oak barrels, the wine matures for 22 months before being bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

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

Fresh and vibrant with great mouthfeel and a long finish, this wine is very approachable in its youth. Drinking well now, it exhibits classic Napa Cabernet characteristics with surprising depth. This wine sets the standard for high quality Napa Cabernets and will age beautifully for the next 15 years.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Blend:	85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot
Vineyards:	Stagecoach, Hardman, Stanton, Greenwood
Cooperage:	50% new medium toast French oak barrels for 22 months
Alc:	14.7%
PH:	3.7
TA:	5.8 g/L

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