



LABRY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY 2017

Vintage Notes

The 2017 Napa Valley harvest will forever be marked by the fires that raged across our mountain ranges fueled by large amounts of vegetal growth due to a very wet winter and the Diablo winds that sweep through our region during the Autumn months. The fires stayed at higher elevations leaving most, if not all of the valley floor free of flames, but not of smoke. However, by the time the fires broke out on the night of October 8th almost all of Napa's fruit (90%), including ours ten days earlier, had been safely harvested. Outside of the late season conditions the vintage started off very warm, but cooler weather in the weeks before harvest allowed the grapes to balance themselves out and wines of great finesse and elegance were created. The Cal-Davis interns and winemakers at our winemaking facility ranked the 2017 Labry Cabernet as one of the best, if not the best. It was bottled in August-September of 2019 and released in the spring of 2020.

Source

Labry Estate, Rutherford AVA

Vineyard

All grapes are harvested on the Labry Estate property which lies on the southwest end of the Rutherford AVA just north of the Oakville AVA in the shadows of Mount St. John the tallest mountain in the Mayacamas Mountain Range. Our soils are made up of an alluvial fan pushed down from the nearby mountains, as well as, volcanic rock and ash dating back millions of years when the valley was laced with active volcanoes. The vines are now 24 years old and were planted by David Abreu (Cabernet Sauvignon clone #7 and root stock 03916) and our vineyard row spacing is 6x5 feet.

Winemaking

Gently basket pressed in a JLB basket press, FX10 yeast, native malolactic fermentation and 28 days on skins in a stainless steel fermenter. Pump overs done with sprinklers and then inert racked three times during elevage. Gravity flow and inert gasses are utilized in the winery as to not disturb or violently interact with the wine. Aged 22 months before it's bottled unfiltered and unfiltered then laid to rest in bottle.

Tasting Notes

Powerful aromatics of cassis, black currant and fresh violets with hints of cocoa powder and pencil shavings. Well-integrated oak profile providing notes of mocha, tobacco and cedar. Rich mid-palate with a velvety texture and supple, juicy tannins on the finish.

Variety

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Soil Type

Alluvial and Volcanic

Clones

Cabernet Sauvignon #7

ABV

14.8%

Aging

Aged 22 months in 75% new, 25% once used thin stave, tight grain French oak barrels

Cooperage

Taransaud Center of France - Medium Plus Toast;
Ermitage Tronçais Forest - Medium Long Toast

Release Date

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