

THE TERRACES

2017 Rhyolite Red Blend

Rutherford, 100% Estate



Varietal: 64.2% Cabernet Sauvignon
21.4% Cabernet Franc
14.3% Zinfandel

Cases: 343

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottled: May 3, 2019

Released: November 1, 2020

Suggested Retail: \$90

Vineyard: The Terraces estate vineyards are between 300 and 500 feet in elevation in the eastern foothills of the Rutherford AVA. The very well drained soils are comprised of volcanic rock known as Rhyolite. Moderately warm, the vineyard is still marginally influenced by early morning fog. The fruit for this wine is estate grown and comes from six unique hillside blocks

Vintage: Abundant rainfall broke the long drought, followed by a mild Spring. The rain and cooler temperatures resulted in sleepless nights dealing with frost and extended flowering. The growing season showed tremendous vigor thanks to the abundant Winter rainfall and the growing season progressed uneventfully. Extreme heat over Labor Day weekend, kicked harvest into high gear and thankfully by the start of the Valley fires on October 8th, over 95 percent of our tonnage was in. Although the fires were devastating we were able to continue our work at the winery and have ensured yet another top quality vintage.

Production: Hand picked and sorted before de-stemming, each lot went into small tanks as whole berries. After a brief cold soak, the lots were fermented with a combination of wild and cultivated yeasts. A combination of punch downs, pump overs and rack and returns were performed several times a day to influence extraction in different ways over the course of fermentation. Pressed gently in a basket press, the wines were moved with lees to 35% new French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation.

Tasting Notes: The 2017 Rhyolite has an inviting deep purple hue with aromas of ripe blackberry, dried plum, espresso, earthy tobacco and violet. The rich palate offers mouth coating soft tannin with flavors of black cherry, black currant, earthy black tea leaves, and Rutherford dust mixed with hints of subtle vanilla and clove. This impressive wine has a finish that lingers long after each sip. Enjoy today or age for 8-12 years.

The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 35 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wines of astonishing value. We produce less than 3500 cases in total each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.