

THE TERRACES

2017 Cabernet Sauvignon

Rutherford, 100% Estate Grown



Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases: 593

Alcohol: 14.26%

Bottled: May 3, 2019

Released: May 1, 2020

Suggested Retail: \$70.00

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 through ongoing rigorous evaluations of our grapes, fermenting wines, and aging wine.

Production: Hand picked and sorted before being 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 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon beautifully showcases the complexity of our Rutherford vineyards. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, with a deep ruby color and aromas of black cherry, ripe strawberry, light toasty oak and a touch of dusty earth. The palate is full bodied with mouth-coating soft tannin and bright acidity. Flavors of rich blackberry, black cherry, espresso and cinnamon continue through the long finish. Drink now or lay this bottle down to see the true potential; 8-12+ years.

The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 30 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.