



2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

WINE PHILOSOPHY: Highlands believes that quality wine-making begins in the vineyard. We focus on small lot production using inspired and uncompromising winemaking techniques that express the finest fruit and *terroir* of each vintage. Bottling wines of intensity and exceptional character demonstrates our commitment to excellence. We appreciate your partnership in our discriminating enological experience of enjoying beautifully handcrafted wines.

FOOD PAIRINGS: The lush mouthfeel and gentle phenolic structure of this wine makes it unusually approachable on its own. But we suggest enjoying with steak, other red meats, and even ahi tuna crusted with peppery spice. This wine is elegance and sophistication and will grace and delight a table laden with savory foods.

VINTAGE NOTES: 2017 began with an abundance of winter rain followed by a mild spring and summer bringing beautifully developed fruit through August. An early September heat brought accelerated plans for harvest – in retrospect a good thing before the devastating fires hit. October brought high temperatures and extreme winds with unprecedented fire and destruction to Napa and surrounding counties. The early heat may have been a blessing as 100% of our harvest was complete before the fires. Overall, it was an excellent growing season delivering a vintage characterized by a complexity of flavor, finesse, and sophistication.

TASTING NOTES: Bright and dense ruby red color defines this wine from the first pour. Deep, dark expressive nose of blackberry, blueberry and creamy vanilla. The palate boasts ripe and focused dark fruit flavors and cherry notes that give way to supple mouth feel, silky tannins and lush, long finish.

CELLARING: This wine is beautiful to enjoy on release, but should you wish to cellar, a few years will add even more complexity to its classic nature.

TECHNICAL DATA:

Fermentation	Half Ton Macro Bin
Aging	22 months in 33% new French Oak Barrels
Blend	92% Napa Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Napa Merlot
Appellation	Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley
Production	225 cases
Alc.	15.2%
pH	3.66

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