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CHAPPELLET
FIFTY YEARS ON PRITCHARD HILL

2017 Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Winemaker Phillip Corallo-Titus



Wine Statistics

Harvested Sept 26 – Oct 7, 2017
25.0° – 27.0° Brix at Harvest
14.5% Alcohol
TA – .65g/100ml
pH – 3.73

Wine Blend

82% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Petit Verdot
8% Malbec

The Wine

The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon has been our flagship wine for more than three decades. It is a benchmark for the long-lived hillside wines of the Napa Valley; full of structure and aging potential, yet seductively forward in its concentrated varietal character. The dry, rocky soils of Pritchard Hill produce small, intensely flavorful grapes. Crop thinning allows for full, even ripening and elevates flavor complexity.

Growing Season & Harvest

After five years of drought, the 2017 growing season started off with record-setting rainfalls that replenished the vines and pushed the growing season to a later-than-normal start. In the vineyards, we applied thoughtful canopy management techniques to achieve balanced crops with just the right amount of sunlight on the fruit. Moderately warm temperatures in late May led to a perfectly timed bloom and fruit set. With rising temperatures in the last week of August, the grapes were able to develop ideal ripeness, resulting in wines with lovely colors and aromatics accompanied by beautifully concentrated flavors.

Tasting Notes

A classic expression of hillside Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, this luxurious wine displays concentrated aromas of ripe black cherry, cassis and dark chocolate, along with oak-inspired notes of espresso, cinnamon, clove and cigar box. On the supple, mouth-filling palate, elegantly refined tannins underscore the rich dark berry and blackcurrant flavors, with hints of nutmeg, anise and cedar adding sophistication to the long, voluptuous finish.