

TERRA  
VALENTINE



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2017 CABERNET  
SAUVIGNON  
NAPA VALLEY

Vineyard

- Locations: Spring Mountain District, Rutherford, Atlas Peak, Fountaingrove District
- Appellation: Napa Valley
- Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon 80%, Cabernet Franc 10%, Petite Verdot 4%, Petite Sirah 4%, Malbec 2%

Growing Season

- The year began with abundant rainfall. Spring weather was mild, resulting in extended flowering in some areas with little shatter. Vines were vigorous thanks to the winter rains. A freak hail storm passed through quickly in June causing isolated damage. Three heat events, including one over Labor Day weekend, kicked harvest into high gear, dehydrating some grapes by early September. Cool weather arrived immediately afterward, allowing sugar levels to return to normal. Most late-ripening red grapes continued to hang on the vine and were picked over the next few weeks..
- Harvest Brix: 25.2-26.9

Winemaking

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Cold soaked for 48 hours
- Fermented with skins for average of 14 days
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 16 months in French oak barrels; 30% new
- Coopers: Nadalie, Orion, Ermitage,

Tasting Notes

- Aromas of boysenberry, black cherry, caramel, bay laurel and anise dominate with layers of cocoa powder and loamy earth. On the palate the juicy flavors of candied black mulberry and black licorice lead into baking spices and caramel that are soft and elegant. The flavors linger on the finish with balanced acidity and elegant tannins.

Cases Produced

- 1800 cases produced

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