



Girard

2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 growing season was unlike the past few vintages; it wasn't particularly "easy" or "by the book" but it was an opportunity flex our grape growing and wine making skills and we remain proud of the high-quality wine we produced in this vintage. The year began with abundant rainfall. Spring weather was mild, resulting in extended flowering. A freak hail storm passed through quickly in June causing isolated damage. A warm summer was punctuated by three heat events, including one over Labor Day weekend, which kicked harvest into high gear by early September. Cool weather arrived immediately afterward, allowing sugar levels to return to normal and affording the grapes additional hang-time on the vine.

VINEYARD NOTES

Our Napa Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley hails from select vineyards across the Napa Valley, including sites in St. Helena, Rutherford, Atlas Peak, Yountville, Diamond Mountain, and Pope Valley. Girard has over four decades of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon experience and every vintage is an opportunity to explore Napa's expression of this noble grape.

TASTING NOTES

Supple red berry and plum aromas on the nose develop into savory spices, mocha and black plum flavors on the broad palate. A textural experience, this wine is palate coating with undulating flavors of ripe raspberry, dusty earth minerality and oak toast, leading to a lengthy finish.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION Napa Valley, California | OAK AGING 20 months in French oak, 40% new

ALCOHOL 14.5% | pH 3.65 | TA 6 g/100ml | RESIDUAL SUGAR .51 g/L | PRODUCTION 14,000 cases