

# B SIDE



## 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### TASTING NOTES

The B Side Cabernet Sauvignon is a deeply concentrated and expressive wine. Aromas of boysenberry, blackberry, mocha, crushed lavender and sweet oak are pronounced on the nose. The full-bodied wine is lush with layers of dark fruit, jam, pepper spice and hints of Blackstrap molasses. The brooding fruit is quintessential Napa and Sonoma and with ripe, polished tannins the wine is robust and gives an easy to enjoy softness. The wine is aged for 12 months in predominately French oak barrels (Francois Frere & Radoux) with a small portion seeing time in American oak. The toasty French oak frames the wine and the addition of a small amount of American oak gives a pleasing, subtle coconut lift. This overall wine is deep, well-structured and intensely flavored with soft tannins and a lengthy finish.

### APPELLATION

The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit for this wine is grown in some of the finest regions within the diverse North Coast appellation. For the vintage 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, 63% of the blend is from Napa Valley, with a majority from the idyllic Pope Valley and Gordon Valley regions. These areas, with their diverse soils and higher elevations, produce Cabernet Sauvignon fruit with distinctive flavors and big, round tannins. The red colored soil has a high iron content which adds unique attributes to the grapes. As the old adage goes 'red dirt is for red grapes.' In addition, fruit from the Rutherford and Oakville regions of the Napa Valley also made it into the vintage 2017 blend adding the hallmark plush fruit and supple tannins found on this famous valley floor. The other North Coast appellations that contributed fruit for this wine include Sonoma's iconic Alexander Valley and some cooler climate, complex Cabernet Sauvignon from rugged Mendocino County.

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Cabernet Sauvignon

- 82% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 8% Merlot
- 6% Petite Sirah
- 2% Cabernet Franc
- 2% Syrah

APPELLATION North Coast

COOPERAGE 90% French oak barrels, 10% American oak barrels (approx. 30% new). Aged for 12 months.

ALCOHOL 14.5%

PH 3.67 TA 6.3 g/L

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### VINTAGE

The entire North Coast region enjoyed a very even, balanced 2017 growing season. The relatively easy growing season followed above average winter rains that eased California's ongoing drought and gave vines plenty of moisture to pull from throughout the season. The additional rain also bumped up overall yield in the vineyards. With no frost during bloom nor heat spikes during the summer, harvest was greeted with relative ease and the fruit for this wine was safely in the winery before the regions devastating North Bay fires. The grapes came in with excellent color quality and flavor development and overall, the wines of the 2017 vintage are outstanding.

### OUR PHILOSOPHY

Our roots trace back to an authentic place. B Side wines are rare, unconventional and often lesser known. We follow a rhythm no one else can hear separating our wines from others with smooth, soulful palettes and perfectly tuned notes. B Side is a complex wine, made simply. For those who know the difference.