



MARKHAM  
NAPA VALLEY  
VINEYARDS



# CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

With this bottling of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, fruit from Rockerbox Estate Vineyard becomes the Yin to the Guardian Estate Vineyard's Yang – coming together in perfect harmony. Sensuous aromatics layer vanilla, marzipan and graphite without overpowering the intensity of jammy boysenberry and raspberry notes. Lush, juicy texture offers perfect balance to the chewy tannins that follow through the finish.

*“In 2017, intense Cabernet fruit character supplies the ‘bold and the beautiful’ in this gorgeous blend, while Merlot adds velvety texture, Cabernet Franc violet aromatics, and Petit Verdot a lively acidity in the glass.”*

KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS, WINEMAKER.

## VINEYARD NOTES

- 80% Estate Grown
- Rockerbox Vineyard: black currant, graphite and anise.
- Guardian Vineyard: blackberry jam and chewy tannins.
- Over 80% NAPA GREEN® certified.
- 18 clonal selections create layers of depth and dimension.
- Canopy carefully managed to allow filtered sunlight to intensify flavors.

## HARVEST NOTES

- 2017 brought floods, chill, heat, and wildfire.
- Budbreak and bloom were on time after a late January chill.
- Summer heat dried the soils quickly.
- Our 40<sup>th</sup> vintage saw perfect harvest weather and incredible quality.
- Most fruit was safely cellared when the Oct. 2017 wildfires brought Napa to a standstill.

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

86% Cabernet Sauvignon  
5% Merlot  
5% Petit Verdot  
4% Cabernet Franc

## FERMENTATION

97% Stainless Steel Fermentation and  
3% Barrel Fermentation  
29 Days Skin Contact

## ALCOHOL

14.8%

26½ Months Aged in French Oak  
44% New Oak Barrels

## ACID

0.60 g/100 ml  
pH: 3.63

## BOTTLING & RELEASE

Bottled: March 2020  
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