

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

COMPOSITION:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon,

AGING: 20 months, 36% new

(100% French oak)

ALCOHOL: 14.20%

T.A.: 0.55 g / 100ml

PH: 3.81

HARVEST DATE:

September 14-October 30, 2017

RELEASE DATE: December 2019

CASES: 39,000 (12-pack cases)

With more than 40 years of winemaking heritage in California's most fabled wine region, Napa Cellars embodies the classic, unmistakable style of Napa Valley. Veteran winemaker Joe Shirley crafts our wines from estate vineyards and coveted partner sites throughout Napa's most revered sub-appellations. Meticulous care in the vineyard, coupled with gentle winemaking techniques, ensures our wines reflect the quality and richness of Napa Valley's terroir.

VINEYARD

The fruit for our 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon was carefully selected from prime vineyards in some of Napa Valley's best regions, including Atlas Peak, St. Helena, Oak Knoll and Rutherford. Winemaker Joe Shirley's commitment to sourcing fruit from the best regions in Napa ensures a classic wine that showcases the essence of a quintessential Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

CLONAL SELECTION

Classic clones (7, 8, 4, 15) Newer clones (337, 169, 412)

HARVEST

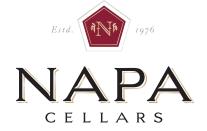
The 2017 growing season offered superlative growing conditions with abundant rain at the beginning of the year. Harvest brought lower yields with fruit of excellent quality.

WINEMAKING

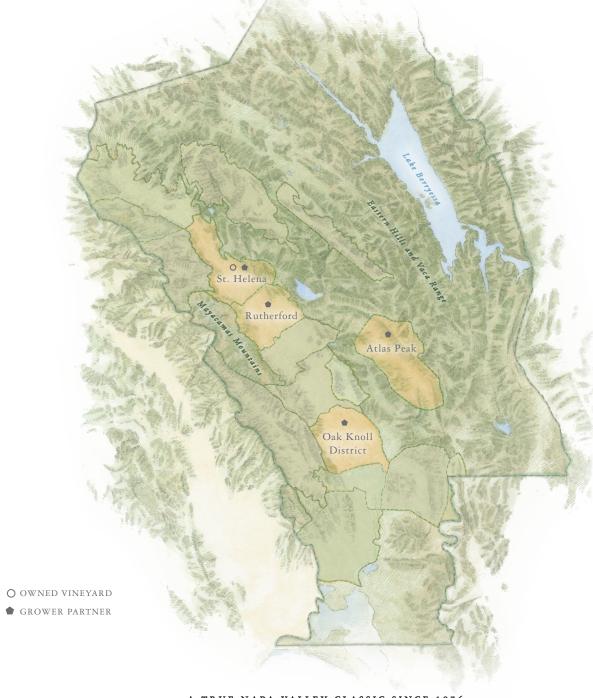
The grapes were hand-harvested in the cool morning hours to ensure optimal flavor. At the winery, the fruit was hand-sorted, gently de-stemmed and lightly crushed. Following a 13 to 20-day maceration period to maximize color and flavor extraction and to also polish the tannins, the wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels (36% new) for 20 months.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2017 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon brims with black currant, blackberry, some sage and cedar underscored with mocha and tobacco threads. This wine's lush core of bright blackberry, dark cherry and graphite are complemented by expressive earthy and toffee notes on the mid-palate. The finish is full of well rounded fine-grained tannins and fresh, balanced acidity making this Cabernet the perfect pairing for port-braised beef short ribs topped with mint leaves.



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