



THELEMA

MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

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Thelema Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

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MATURATION

Already drinking well, and will develop further with age

FOOD PAIRING

A perfect accompaniment to grilled beef, especially with a Béarnaise sauce and rocket salad.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

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VITICULTURAL PRACTICES

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| Varietal | Cabernet Sauvignon – clone 46,169A and 338C |
| Root stock | 101-14, R110 & R99 |
| Soil type | Hutton – decomposed granite |
| Age of vines | Planted 1988, 1989 & 2002 |
| Plant density | 3200 vines per hectare |
| Trellising | Vertical hedge |
| Pruning | 2-bud spurs every 15cm |
| Yield | Approximately 7.3 tons per hectare |
| Irrigation | Supplementary drip |
| Vintage | Cool summer days with very little rain, resulting in ideal growing conditions for grapes. |
| Picking date | 23 February |
| Grape sugar | Approximately 25.5 °B |
| Acidity | 5.9 - 6.2 g/l |
| pH at harvest | 3.45 - 3.66 |

WINEMAKING PRACTICES

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| Yeasts | Natural occurring yeasts |
| Fermentation temp | 27 °C |
| Method | De-stalked, hand sorting of berries, crushed, pumped into stainless steel tanks, pumped over for 8 days, left for 3 days before pressing, racked to barrel for malolactic fermentation. |
| Wood maturation | 18 months in barrel. 45% new French oak, balance in older barrels. |

WINE DETAILS

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| Residual sugar | 2.3 g/l |
| pH | 3.52 |
| Total acid | 5.6 g/l |
| Alcohol | 14.5 |
| Maturation | 2020 – 2038 |