

2017 ENDEAVOUR CABERNET SAUVIGNON – DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

Located in the Lytton Springs district of Dry Creek Valley, our estate Endeavour Vineyard is the vision of the second generation to grow and produce Cabernet Sauvignon that equals the finest of any in California. Strategically planted to take advantage of each of the diverse soil conditions on the property, Endeavour Vineyard contains its own sustainable ecosystem, complete with a natural pond to collect rainwater. This vineyard is a labor of love and continues to drive our family winery forward in producing world-class wines.

GROWING SEASON

The 2017 growing season started off with record-setting rainfalls that were much appreciated after almost five years of drought. As flowering started, foggy and windy days—as well as unusual heat spikes—made for an eclectic mix of conditions. An extreme heat wave at the end of August through the first few days of September set off a fast-paced early stretch of the harvest. At the time of the wildfires in October, nearly all of our lots had already been harvested. Despite the unusual cards that nature dealt, this vintage shows excellent concentration of flavors and outstanding varietal quality.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

At first swirl, notes of black currant, black cherry, and ripe raspberry come forward, followed by deeper aromatics of cedar, sweet tobacco, and cinnamon. Additional airing reveals nuances of black pepper, dried herbs, and leather. On the palate, elegant flavors of black currant, plum, and boysenberry mingle with complex notes of espresso, cardamom, and nutmeg. The refined tannins are well-integrated, providing a rich and luxurious mouthfeel with a long, lingering finish.

RELEASE DATE	October 2020
BLEND	93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 29–October 5, 2017
ALCOHOL	14.2%
FERMENTATION	10–14 days in fermenters at 82–88°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	19 months in French oak; 55% new oak
BRIX	Average 26.3
PH	3.55
TA	6.4g/L
SOILS	Gravelly loam on rolling hills
VINE AGE	18 years
YIELDS	2–3 tons per acre

