



## THE MARINER

### 2017 THE MARINER – *Dry Creek Valley*

CALIFORNIA GRAPEVINE  
September 2020

**91 Points** – Medium ruby; attractive, ripe, raspberry, dark cherry, and black currant aroma with hints of licorice, dried herbs, mint, green olive, and cocoa powder; full body; rich, elegant, nicely balanced, red and dark fruit flavors with herbal notes; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoyable now, though best to bottle age for several more years. Very highly recommended.

CONNOISSEUR'S GUIDE  
TO CALIFORNIA WINES  
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**90 Points** – The 2017 Mariner is a well-measured wine that exhibits a sense of tailored richness and inviting complexity right from the start. Its layered aromas of currants, berries and plums are enriched with notes of loam and sweet oak spice, all of which carry through in its lengthy, very like-minded flavors, and its well-integrated tannins lend structural firmness without toughening. Never flamboyant, but as steady as they come, it asks for another three to five years before being brought to the table.

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT  
NORTH COAST  
WINE CHALLENGE  
July 2020

**95 Points – Double Gold**

### 2016 THE MARINER – *Dry Creek Valley*

JAMES SUCKLING  
December 2019

**93 Points** – This has rich aromas of blackberries and ripe cherries, as well as cedary oak. The palate has good poise and crisply detailed tannins, carrying plenty of ripe dark-berry flavor. A blend of 65% cabernet sauvignon, 16% merlot, 10% petit verdot, 7% malbec and 2% cabernet franc. Drink or hold.

WINE ENTHUSIAST  
December 2019

**90 Points** – This blends 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot, 7% Malbec and 2% Cabernet Franc. Together, they provide a seamless, full-bodied experience of dark chocolate, crushed rock and crisp berry fruit. Oak and tannin remain well-behaved and integrated, with lasting hits of cinnamon and clove that mark the close.