



2017

SYCAMORE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rutherford, Napa Valley

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WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Located on the southern end of the Rutherford Bench, Sycamore Vineyard's proximity to the Mayacamas mountains provides the perfect climate for growing a rich, textured Cabernet. The nose opens with aromas of blackberry, blueberry, black currant and boysenberry. The fruit elements are complimented with notes of forest floor, cigar box, dark chocolate and espresso. The wine is rich and balanced and French oak barrels add the ideal amount of complexity and notes of baking spice and warm vanilla. This is a full-bodied wine with integrated tannins that give it a long, lingering finish.

PRIMARY VINEYARD

Sycamore Vineyard—Rutherford (100%): Small 24-acre vineyard located about 1.2 miles south of Bosche, right up against the Mayacamas Range, this vineyard has a rich clay loam. Sycamore Vineyard produces small berries reminiscent of mountain fruit berries, with intense extract of color and flavor. The color is very dark early in the fermentation, with flavors of black currant and black berry with a forest floor complexity.

GROWING SEASON NOTES

The winter continued a dry weather pattern and bud break was early. The growing season was moderate, near ideal, and on an early pace. Most varieties were harvested in September with a final wrap up on October 10th, allowing us to receive in all the fruit prior to any rains developing.

COMPOSITION:

88% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Cabernet Franc
4% Petit Verdot
3% Merlot

AGE OF VINES & SOIL TYPE:

4 - 22 years; sloping rich clay loam formed by alluvial deposits

FERMENTATION:

After cold soaking, the fermentation was in stainless steel tanks at 78°-88° for 10-28 days skin contact, averaging 21 days.

BARREL & AGING

27 months in French oak, 74% new

ALCOHOL: 14.2% **PH:** 3.63 **ACID:** 0.62g/L

HARVEST DATE & SUGAR:

September 6th-16th, 2017 for all components; 25.4° Brix at harvest

LIFE SPAN IN PROPER CELLAR:

30+ years

NUMBER OF CASES PRODUCED:
2,000

BOTTLED:

February 2020