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2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Diamond Mountain District

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg and Davies Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its seventeenth vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon crafted from the historic Diamond Mountain vineyards they purchased in 1965. The estate vineyards were replanted to Bordeaux varietals beginning in 1994, and the J. Davies Estate Cabernet Sauvignon was first released in 2004 (2001 vintage).

J. Davies Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is the creation of two generations of the Davies family, the product of an intimate knowledge of a place and of a passion to create delicious red wine. The wine is named in honor of patriarch Jack L. Davies, who along with his wife, Jamie, revived the Schramsberg property and established the preeminent American sparkling wine house over 50 years ago.

The vineyard blocks, totaling 41 acres, are laid out in three isolated pockets ranging from approximately 550 to 1,000 feet in elevation. They include the two Schram sections, Napa Valley's first hillside vineyards, originally established in 1862 by Jacob Schram. The third piece is the adjacent McEachran parcel, which was first planted by Colin McEachran in 1878 and was purchased by Schramsberg in 1985. These are the southernmost vineyards in the Diamond Mountain District AVA. Flanked by two cool creek canyons (Nash Creek to the north and Ritchie Creek to the south) and surrounded by dense coniferous and deciduous forests, the vines here produce late-ripening, richly concentrated fruit with average yields of just two tons per acre.

For the 2017 vintage, abundant winter rains prior to the growing season helped recharge reservoirs and groundwater. Spring weather was cool to mild, with increased vine vigor and extended flowering in some areas. The summer was warm with heat spikes throughout July, August and September. Cooler weather arrived after Labor Day weekend giving Bordeaux varieties extra hang time.

TASTING NOTES: "The 2017 J. Davies Estate Cabernet opens with rich aromas of black plum, red cherry and marionberry, accentuated by undertones of vanilla, cola spice, fresh bay leaf and mint. Firm but integrated tannins anchor the wine's palate, where a broad entry of blueberry and milk chocolate is followed by flavors of fresh coffee and blackberry."

— Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies

— Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch

APPELLATION:	Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley, Estate Grown
VARIETAL COMPOSITION:	93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot
HARVEST DATES:	September 28 – October 19, 2017
BARREL AGING:	22 months in French oak, 65% new
COOPERS:	Vicard, Taransaud, Atelier, Orion
BOTTLED:	August 29, 2019
ALCOHOL:	14.8%
TA:	5.9 g/L
pH:	3.88
PRODUCTION:	1,150 (9-Liter)

