



HILL FAMILY
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2017 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 985 cases

Composition: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 8% Syrah and 5% Malbec

Vineyards: Baker, Windy Flats, Hansen, Villagio, Apallas, Beau Terroir and Bardessono

Appellation: Napa Valley

Cooperage: 19 months in 50% new oak as follows: 4% American (Canton Grand Cru) and 46% French oak (Remond, Meyrieux, Tonnellerie O, Nadalier, and Orion)

Alcohol: 14.8%, TA 0.61, pH 3.78

Bottling date: June 14, 2019

Release date: Spring 2020

Release price: \$55.00

2017 was a very difficult growing year. Late rains, a bit of late frost, huge swings in temperature, and drying winds combined to keep vineyard managers on their toes. A long brutal heat wave in late August to early September started harvest off with a bang, then cooler temperatures arrived and ripening stopped while the vineyards regrouped. We began harvesting again, and by the time the big fires started on October 8, almost everything was harvested. Winemaking was designed for big color and soft tannin, as seeds were not very ripe and flavors were a bit uneven.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon offers black cherries, chocolate, pine forest and cedarwood notes as well as medium to full-bodied richness. It's a charming, impeccably made wine that should drink nicely for 10-15 years.