



2017 CEANDA CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Composition: 87% Cabernet Sauvignon,
11% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Harvest Dates: September 12 – October 5, 2017

Barrel Age: 20 months, 65% new, 35% once used
thin stave, tight grain French oak barrels

Cooperage: Taransaud, Sylvain, Ermitage, Artisan

Bottling Date: June 5, 2019

Alcohol: 14.7%

pH: 3.78

Release Date: Spring 2020

Cases Produced: 202

THE VINEYARD The CEANDA Cabernet Sauvignon is a symbolic representation of the passion and dedication that Chuck and Anne McMinn have bestowed upon their prized vineyards. Both a blend of their vineyards, as well as their names, CEANDA stands tall as a beautiful new addition to the Vineyard 29 family.

THE VINTAGE The winter of 2016/2017 was the wettest in many years, causing the Napa River to reach flood levels and some vineyards to become temporary lakes. By the time of bud break in the early Spring, some parts of Napa Valley had reached over 50” of rain. The Spring of 2017 was beautiful and moderate followed by a freak hail storm in mid-June which caused some damage to mostly mountain vineyards. Veraison was about a week late, but an exceptionally hot August quickened the ripening curve. During the last week of August some areas reached as high as 115°F. Another heat spike came during the first week of September, which kicked the Cabernet harvest into gear for most of the early ripening sites. The evening of October 8 was one of the windiest, driest on record resulting in unprecedented wildfires that raged in the hills and into the fringes of the valley floor.

THE WINE The 2017 CEANDA possesses a beautifully integrated, perfumed bouquet of violets, cassis, chocolate covered espresso bean and warm baking spices. The entry is full and rich and the mid-palate round and supple throughout. The black currant and dark plum fruit profile is complimented by slight earth tones, cocoa powder and hints of dried lavender. Mouth watering acidity and chewy tannins lead to a long, drawn out finish. CEANDA is crafted to be thoroughly enjoyed upon release but will age gracefully for 15+ years.