



2017 AIDA ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Harvest Dates: September 11 – 27, 2017

Barrel Age: 20 months, 75% new French Oak

Cooperage: Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage, Baron, Saury

Bottling Date: June 4, 2019

Alcohol: 14.9%

Release Date: Spring 2020

Cases Produced: 516

Retail Price: \$295 ~ 750ml

THE VINEYARD Our Aida Estate Vineyard has confirmed our initial belief that this site would be the ideal location for growing Bordeaux varietals. Just north of the pinch in the hourglass of the Napa Valley, the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from our Aida Estate provide the bold, structured backbone for this immensely enjoyable wine.

THE VINTAGE Mother Nature was in full swing during 2017, kicking off with the winter of 2016/2017 being one of the wettest in many years. The Napa River reached flood levels and some vineyards became temporary lakes. By the time of bud break in spring, some parts of Napa Valley had reached over 50” of rain, however the rains set up the vines well for early growth. The spring of 2017 was beautiful and moderate followed by a freak hailstorm in mid-June which caused some berry-set damage mostly to 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 cabernet sauvignon ripening into high gear for most early ripening sites, including ours, and significantly accelerating harvest. The heat spikes turned out to be very fortunate, as the evening of October 8 was one of the windiest and driest on record, resulting in unprecedented wildfires that raged in the hills and into the fringes of the valley floor for over a week.

THE WINE The 2017 Aida Estate Cabernet Sauvignon leaps from the glass with explosive aromatics of black cassis, currants, violets and cocoa powder. Intensely concentrated and rich with Aida's signature scorched earth and graphite characters, the fruit profile is a combination of blueberry compote and wild blackberries. A firm tannin profile and long, drawn out finish leave you wanting more of this juicy, black, fruit-driven wine. This powerful yet fragrant Cabernet has the depth and structure to age for well over two decades.