



CROWN POINT

# *Cabernet Sauvignon*

## 2017



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### 100% ESTATE GROWN & BOTTLED

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*95% Cabernet Sauvignon  
5% Petit Verdot Harvest*

**Harvest date:**  
September 5  
October 19, 2017

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2017 was a sunny and warm vintage characterized by an early September heat spike. This early warmth accelerated ripening and kicked off harvest for the 2017 vintage. The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from the premier blocks on our estate. Every cluster was picked at night and carefully sorted twice by hand at the winery. The fruit harvested was rich, concentrated, and vibrant in color. Each block was fermented in a three-ton oak or concrete tank. After 25 to 30 days of fermentation, each lot drains into 50% new French oak barrels and is aged in barrel for 26 months. After careful tastings and selections, we selected the finest barrels prior to bottling. The wine is approachable with fine-grain tannins and a natural sweetness.

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Our purpose with this wine is to feature our hillside vineyard and its synergy with Cabernet Sauvignon. The higher elevation combined with an increased rock content brought a tension into the wines that balance the heat and sunshine. We notice the California clones adapt well to the Mediterranean conditions in this warm year. The clones that provide the backbone to this wine are Clone 8 - defined by its fresh fruit character, tracing back to Chateau Margaux - and To Kalon Clone 2 - infamous To Kalon vineyard selection in Napa delivering spice & concentration.

Marked by its intensity, there are complex notes of cherries, blackberries, and floral tones in harmony with our trademark savoriness. A wine that can be appreciated now or for the next 20 years.

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