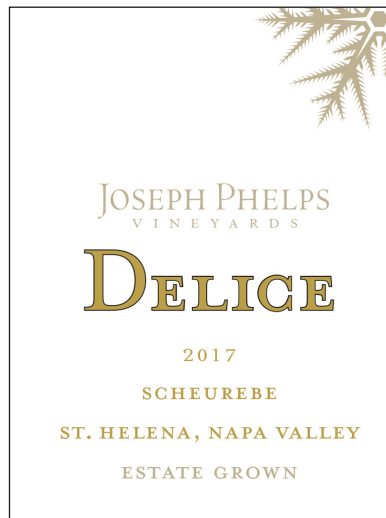


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Joseph Phelps Delice St. Helena, Napa Valley 2017

Joseph Phelps Vineyards has produced dessert wines in select vintages since the 1970's. While the winery may be best known for Insignia, the proprietary name Delice, first introduced by the winery in the 1980's remained one of Joe's favorites. We are pleased to revisit the Delice name with the launch of our 2017 dessert wine made from 100% estate-grown Scheurebe from our Home Ranch Vineyard in St. Helena.

Winemaking Data

Harvest Date: September 8, 2017.

Blend: 100% estate-grown Scheurebe from our Home Ranch Vineyard in St. Helena.

Winemaking Notes: One of the few Scheurebe plantings in California, grapes were handpicked and frozen, followed by a partial thawing before a long, gentle pressing. The juice was fermented in stainless steel at a cool temperature to retain the subtle aromatics of this variety.

The 2017 Delice is brimming with ripe pear, fragrant white flowers and chamomile followed by intense layers of peach nectar, lemon meringue and candied pineapple. Nicely textured with bright acidity and a honeyed finish.

Growing Season: The 2017 growing season saw much needed record-breaking winter rainfall which helped replenish our groundwater and the vines. The cool start to the season delayed budbreak and bloom in the Scheurebe blocks by two-three weeks compared to the three previous years; yet it was one of the earliest harvest dates in over a decade due to multiple heat spikes during the summer months and early September. Overall, fruit from our Home Ranch Vineyard showcased bright acidity and concentrated flavors in 2017.