

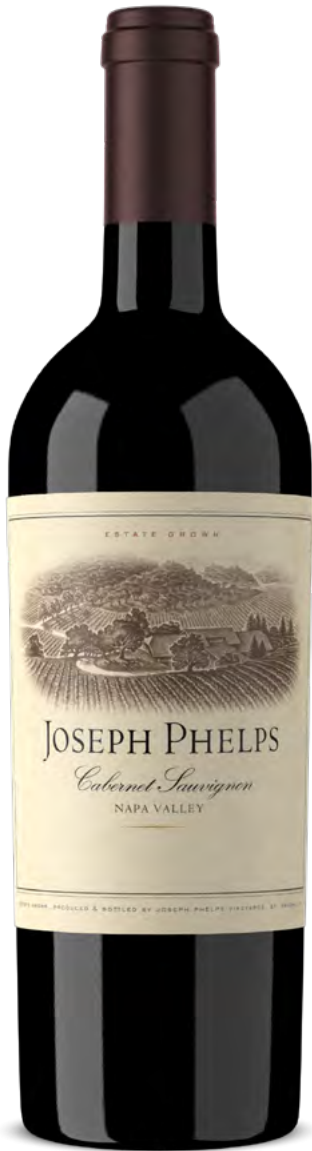
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V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2017 Vintage



TASTING NOTES The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon has expressive blueberry, boysenberry and baking spice aromatics. A fresh and inviting wine with unfolding layers of juicy raspberry and red cherry, nutmeg, cedar and graphite with a medium-full body, seamless integrated tannins and a lengthy finish.

GROWING SEASON The 2017 growing season saw much needed record-breaking winter rainfall which helped replenish groundwater and the vines. The cool, wet start to the season delayed budbreak and bloom compared to the three previous years. The summer and fall months were warm with regular heat spikes to ripen the grapes. Overall, 2017 was reminiscent of the 1997 and 2015 growing seasons. The wines lend to fresh, red fruit characteristics with ample and refined tannin levels.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

92% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Malbec
1% Cabernet Franc
1% Petit Verdot

46% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
10% Suscol — Napa Valley AVA
6% Barboza & Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA
5% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA
4% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA
3% Backus — Oakville AVA
38% Trusted grower fruit

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for eighteen months in 48% new oak (62% French, 38% American) and 52% used French and American oak barrels before bottling.