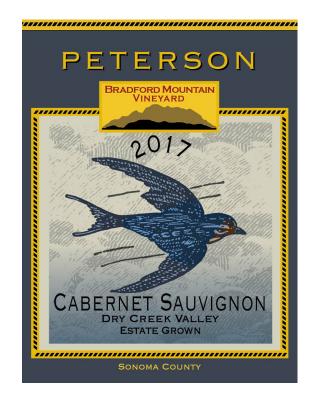


2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County



Technical Data

Composition: 100% Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyeard <u>Varietal Breakdown</u> Harvest Dates 80% Cabernet Sauvignon Oct. 4 7% Petit Verdot Sept. 27 6% Cabernet Franc Sept. 27 4% Merlot Sept. 6 3% Malbec Oct. 11 **Appellation:** Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County Alcohol: 14.2% pH: 3.46 TA: 0.71g/100ml **Barrel Aging:** 28 months 60% new French oak barrels Cooperage: 15% 2-year-old French oak barrels 25% 5-8 year-old neutral oak barrels **Bottling Date:** January 15, 2020 (unfined & unfiltered) **Closure** Type: Natural cork - Amorim NDTech individually scanned and TCA free Production: 225 cases | 750ml bottles **Release Date:** August 2021

Jamie Peterson's Vintaged Views

This is our most terroir-driven wine: a Peterson wine that shouts out its origin with every sip. Our Bradford Mountain vineyards produce wine grapes with a unique and very recognizable minerality. That expression or sense of place reaches its apex in the Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon.

The cuttings for this vineyard were brought when we moved from Mount Eden in the Santa Cruz Mountains in the 1980's. This selection, taken by Dr. Rixford in the 1880's from Chateau Margaux, was planted at his La Questa Vineyard near Woodside in the Santa Cruz Mountains, from where it was propagated in new plantings elsewhere. It's history and pedigree have shown to be second to none.

The intensity of the Cabernet Sauvignon is complemented with exotic spice from Cabernet Franc, wonderful aromatics from Petit Verdot, and plush fruit qualities from Malbec and Merlot to create a wine that offers layer upon layer of flavors and aromas. Though big and bold, this is still a wine with balance and finesse. It is not one of those over-oaked and overextracted creations that are currently the rage with some wine critics yet have no place on the table, nor the potential for successful bottle aging. This is a wine that will definitely benefit from both bottle age and/or decanting to allow the wine to open and reveal all of its depth and complexity.

Tasting Notes

Robust perfumey aromatics fill the nose with cassis, a rich mineral essence and hints of toasty oak. The velvety entry flows into a powerful mid-palate of deliciously ripe fruit balanced with gripping tannins that mellow as the wine opens. A spicy core of minerality threads through the juicy dark cherry and brambly wild blackberry flavors laced with traces of oak, creating an alluring Cab you just want to keep on sipping. If enjoyed before mid-2022, we recommend decanting for up to 30 minutes before serving.

This wine begs to be paired with a hearty Porterhouse steak served with a side of sautéed cremini mushrooms and Vidalia onions, or a thick-cut lamb chop with sauce chasseur.

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