



CLOS PEGASE  
NAPA VALLEY

2017  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
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**T**ENMA VINEYARD, ON AN ALLUVIAL FAN in Jericho Canyon in northeastern Calistoga, produces Cabernet Sauvignon wines of deep color and intensity. The rocky terrain here is well-drained with a very sparse topsoil, which is a perfect combination for growing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon when combined with the climate of Napa Valley.

#### HARVEST NOTES

After a series of dry years, 2017 brought back plenty of rainfall, making it one of the wettest years on record. A wet winter and spring helped recharge the groundwater resources as well as filling reservoirs and irrigation ponds. Bud break happened around mid-march amidst continued light rain, which helped in preventing frost damage. Bloom and fruit-set occurred under mild conditions beneficially ensuring a successful set. The abundance of soil moisture provided a plentiful water supply to the root systems throughout the year, which fueled rigorous canopy growth. A mild June and July gave way to sporadic heat spike events immediately followed by cooling trends which ran throughout the harvest period. This caused a stop-and-start approach to harvesting, as the sugar levels increased, then fell back down. Fortunately, 90% of our grapes were harvested prior to October 9th, 2017.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Each block was hand harvested individually and brought to the winery where the clusters were sorted again before being destemmed. 50% of the grape clusters were crushed and 50% were left as whole berries during fermentation. The must was then allowed 2-4 days to cold soak, followed by a warm fermentation using a variety of different yeast strains. With two pump overs a day, the wine was pressed off the skins once it was dry. Wine was then sent to barrel to undergo malolactic fermentation. After fermentation was complete, wine was racked on more time and then allowed to rest in barrel for an additional 9 months in our caves. When the wine was ready, we gently filtered and bottled in late July, 2019.

#### TASTING NOTES

Once in the glass, this 2017 Clos Pegase Napa Valley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon releases lush aromatics of blackberries, blueberries and coconut. As the wine breaths, more subtle notes of cedar, dried herbs and espresso bean begin to emerge. Rich and bold on the palate, the tannins drive the finish, balanced by a core of dark fruit. The acid sits on the back of the palate, coming through towards the finish, helping the flavors evolve, as the pleasure of sipping continues.

## TECHNICAL INFO

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### VINEYARD

100% Tenma Vineyard, Calistoga

### HARVEST DATES

September 9th - October 8th

### FERMENTATION

100% barrel fermented

### AGING

9 months in 40% new French oak

### BOTTLING DATE

July 2019

### ALCOHOL

14.9%

### PRODUCTION

3,000 cases