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NAPA VALLEY

2017 OLD VINE GAMAY NOIR  
CALISTOGA, NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 growing season was a bit of a roller-coaster with heavy winter rains leading to vigorous vine growth in spring. Bloom came early, in parallel with an eclectic range of springtime temperatures. Moderate early summer temperatures gave way to several heat waves throughout the summer and into fall, heightening the rate of ripening and flavor development in the grapes, and ushering in a slightly early harvest.

VINEYARD NOTES

Our Old Vine Gamay is sourced from the Greenwood Vineyard located just five minutes north of our Calistoga winery. The vines were planted in the 1960s and today may be one of the only (or last) Gamay vineyards in the Napa Valley.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is endowed with lively red fruit aromas of strawberry, raspberry and cranberry with dusty earth and mineral aromas. The palate (not dissimilar from a Pinot Noir) is lighter with softer tannins, and refreshing red fruit flavors leading to a luxurious, though not overpowering finish.

ABOUT THIS WINE

Gamay is the grape that makes up red wines from France's Beaujolais region, although this bottling is decidedly Californian in expression. The wine was aged on lees for 10 months in a combination of Pinot and Rhône designated French oak. We employed non-interventionist winemaking and bottled this wine without filtration retaining the heart of the vineyard's nature. Because it did not have our typical 14-20 months of aging and settling, lees sediment collects in the bottle. While perfectly natural, the organic material will settle if the bottle is turned upright for a few hours prior to serving. The wine is delicious now, and Winemaker, Glenn Hugo is confident it will age gracefully too.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Gamay | APPELLATION Calistoga, Napa Valley

OAK AGING 10 months on lees in French oak

ALCOHOL 13.1% | pH 3.55 | TA 6 g/L | PRODUCTION 96 cases