



2017 “THE POINT” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

Kuleto is one of the most complex and diverse wine producing properties in the world. Located in the volcanic mountains of eastern Napa, our estate features 781 total acres and 82.9 acres of vines perched along ridges and clinging to steep hillsides. Our soils, exposures, elevation changes and sub-climates are so complex that we’ve delineated our property into more than 100 micro-blocks. Each of these tiny plots is treated as an individual vineyard with varieties, clones, rootstocks, density, trellising and farming methods tailored specifically to the site.

For our winemaker, there is a mutual understanding that all but a small percentage of the winemaker’s work is done in the vineyard. Keeping the vineyard’s serpentine twists and exposures in mind, the best-suited varieties for each block have been selected. Working with the land, not against it, the individually terraced lots are not oriented to one central direction, but instead are planted to maximize the benefits of their natural location.

WINEMAKER’S NOTES

2017 gave us yet another beautiful vintage in the Napa Valley. This following the fabulous vintages of 2012-2016. Marked by a few late-season heat spells (and the late season fires), the wines are as opulent as the 2012s, with the elegance of the 2015s.

Wine lots and barrels selected for “The Point” Cabernet Sauvignon don’t necessarily come from a particular spot on the estate (à la Vineyard Designate), but rather share common flavor and structural attributes that highlight explosive fruit, spice wood, mouth-filling tannins, and alcoholic warmth. Most of you have visited the winery and taken the walk out to look over the Napa Valley from our promontory. The heady aromatics and sun-drenched fruit flavors of “The Point” are inspired by this lofty view.

The nose of our 2017 “The Point” opens with layers of dense and ripe bramble fruit and progresses into notes of rich blackberry cobbler. As the nose continues to develop, further notes of graphite, black pepper, and olive leaf are framed by dark mocha and vanilla notes. The palate is dense and chewy with layers of velvety tannins, and carries a decadent juiciness which is supported by a firmly textured backbone. The finish is long and supple, and ends with a sensation of mouth coating cocoa powder.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal Composition 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Zinfandel, 3% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Kuleto Estate | Alcohol 14.5%

Aging 18 months in 40% new French, American and Hungarian oak

pH 3.8 | TA 5.4 g/L

Cases Produced 274