



# CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED

2017 ESTATE RED

THE CHALK HILL ESTATE is a compendium of unique microclimates, exposures and soil types. We are fortunate to be able to make everything from aromatic Sauvignon Blanc to big, bold Syrah. Nowhere is this ideal situation more evident than in our Estate Red, which is just that - the best blend of the red wines made from the estate. Each variety is perfectly matched to the vineyard site. The blend will also vary from year to year, as the vineyard yields and fruit quality depend greatly on the weather during springtime bloom and set, and during harvest. This 2017 Estate Red is a unique blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Petit Verdot.

Our 2017 Estate Red opens with bold and intense aromas of blackberry, anise, tobacco leaf and dark chocolate. The palate is rich and savory with nuances of vanilla, spice and dark fruit. Though firm, the tannins are rounded by a balanced acidity and a long and smooth finish. Though appealing in its youth, this wine will also age beautifully over the next 15 years.

## HARVEST

*Harvest Dates:* OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 18, 2017

*Average Yields:* 2.9 TONS / ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 25.5°

## FERMENTATION / BARREL

STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTATION WITH PUMPOVERS

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BÂTONNAGE

*Cooperage:* 100% FRENCH OAK, 57% NEW

*Barrel Aging:* 20 MONTHS

## WINE

*Blend:* 49% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 40% MALBEC,

11% PETIT VERDOT

*Bottling date:* DECEMBER 2019

*pH:* 3.7    *TA:* 5.88 G/L    *Alcohol:* 15.6%

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