



# CHALK HILL

## CHAIRMAN'S CLUB 2017 CLARA'S VINEYARD RED

THIS WINE comes from our 15.9-acre Clara's Vineyard located on Chalk Hill Estate. First planted in 2003 this warm, south-facing site features rocky, porous volcanic soils that are ideal for red Bordeaux varieties. To preserve the long-term viability of the ecosystem, all of our vineyards are maintained using low-input, sustainable viticultural practices. 2017 began with heavy rains in winter, which reinvigorated the vineyards going into bud break. The region had sunny days throughout the spring and summer, and a heat spike in August which propelled the harvest schedule.

The 2017 Clara's Vineyard Red is a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petit Verdot, and 5% Syrah. Decadent aromas of blackberry, leather, cigar box and dark chocolate lead to a dense and complex palate. Bold and layered, the 2017 Clara's is an elegant wine that will continue to evolve for years to come. Enjoy now or cellar for the next 15+ years.

### HARVEST

*Harvest Dates:* SEPTEMBER 10 - 12, 2017

*Average Yields:* 3.1 TONS/ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 26.0°

### FERMENTATION / BARREL

CULTURED YEAST FERMENTATION IN BARREL

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BÂTONNAGE

*Cooperage:* FRENCH OAK (76% NEW)

*Barrel Aging:* 21 MONTHS

### WINE

*Blend:* 80% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 15% PETIT VERDOT, 5% SYRAH

*Bottling date:* JULY 8, 2019

*pH:* 3.43     *TA:* 6.76 G/L     *Alcohol:* 15.1%