



## 2017 “VILLA VISTA” 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 761 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 winemaker Giovanni Verdejo, 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

Vintage 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 our Villa Vista 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 bright red fruit and a balance of sweet and savory spice aromas. Certain lots are pushed further in the desired flavor and structural profile by co-fermenting with other varieties.

Our 2017 Villa Vista Cabernet Sauvignon opens with bright acidity, bursting with aromas of ripe red cherries and wild flowers. Flavors of red licorice and cherry fill the palate followed by a beautiful red fruit and oak finish.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal Composition 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Sangiovese, 2% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Kuleto Estate | Alcohol 14.5%

Aging 18 months in 40% new French and American oak | pH 3.75 | TA 5.5 g/l

Cases Produced 275 (12 x 750 ml)