

# SEBASTIANI

VINEYARDS & WINERY



2017

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**SONOMA COUNTY  
GRAVEL BED**

DAVID NAKAJI, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DETAILS

**APPELLATION**

Sonoma County

**COMPOSITION**

97% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
3% Barbera

**COOPERAGE**

14 months in French oak

**ALCOHOL**

14.9%

**TA**

0.66 g/100ml

**PH**

3.65

**BOTTLING DATE**

July 2019

**CASES PRODUCED**

710

## VINEYARDS

The gnarled, old vines planted back in 1961 at our estate vineyard document Sebastiani's history as a pioneer of Cabernet Sauvignon in Sonoma County. Since its inception in the 1980s, our Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignons have set a benchmark for quality and character, earning high scores and praise from the press, trade and consumers. The wine owes much of its success to superior vineyards located in Sonoma County's top AVAs for Cabernet Sauvignon including Sonoma Valley.

## VINTAGE

The 2017 growing season started off with record setting rainfalls, delaying bud break from years past. Spring and summer experienced a mixture of foggy, warm and windy conditions. The summer months were moderately warm allowing the grapes to mature at an ideal pace. Extreme heat spikes at the end of August to early September pushed harvest ahead of schedule. We harvested our Gravel Bed Cabernet Sauvignon between October 18 - 30, 2017.

## WINEMAKING

After harvest, we cold soaked a number of the lots to maximize color and flavor extraction. All of the grapes were fermented warm and the light press portion was also incorporated and added more tannin and richness. The wine was aged in one year old French oak and after 14 months of aging, it was then bottled in July 2019.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2017 Gravel Bed Cabernet Sauvignon is charming with immediate appeal. Blackberry and dark cherry fruit flavors interlaced with graphite and bergamot tea dance on the palate. Hints of cedar and espresso compliment the soft tannins and lengthy dried herb finish.

- David Nakaji, *Winemaker*