



2017 MT. GEORGE VINEYARD | COOMBSVILLE

MALBEC

WINEMAKING

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

95% Malbec
3% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Merlot

HARVEST DATES

September 11, 2017

BRIX AT HARVEST

Average 24.5°

MACERATION

Average 14 days

BARREL AGING REGIMEN

Aged 17 months in 500L oak, 25% new oak

New oak profile:
100% Hungarian

Overall oak profile:
75% French oak, 25% Hungarian oak

PH: 3.43 pH | **TA:** 5.90 g/L | **RS:** 0.05%

ALCOHOL: 14.3% by volume

PRODUCTION: 468 cases

WINEMAKERS

Jon Emmerich, Elena Franceschi

HERITAGE

MT. GEORGE (100%) – Located east of Napa in Coombsville, Mt. George Vineyard is the site of one of the first grape plantings in the valley in the 19th century. It climbs the western slopes of an ancient volcano whose name the vineyard bears.

SOILS + CLIMATE

The cooler climate and deep, gravelly soils derived from volcanic rock and ash provide depth to this structured Malbec.

VINTAGE

From abundant winter rains to cool spring weather, warm summer temperatures and October's wildfires, 2017 is a memorable vintage. Plentiful winter rains helped refresh our vines and led to a cool, mild spring. Due in part to these warmer temperatures, 90% of Napa Valley's grape tonnage was harvested before the wine country wildfires began. Based on Silverado's house wine style, we typically pick early and were fortunate to have 100% of our fruit harvested with no smoke impact.

TASTING NOTES

Pronounced aromas and flavors of freshly-picked blackberry, rich and bright cherry, and cocoa. This full-bodied wine has firm acidity, round tannins, and hints of espresso and five-spice on the finish.

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