



2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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 781 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 varietals 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

The 2017 growing season 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.

We refer to this bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon from Kuleto as our Estate bottling, even though all of our other wines are from the Estate as well. It is because it truly represents the entire property in terms of sourcing that it gets this moniker. We have planted Cabernet and the other Bordeaux varieties in as many places as possible to take advantage of altitude, exposure, fog-line, and soil type. This helps spread out the ripening season for flavor and structure diversity in the wine. No matter the vintage, the Estate bottling from Kuleto is a complete and balanced wine because of the amazing diversity of this unique property.

The 2017 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon exudes a combination of robust red and black fruits, and sweet high-toned herbs in the nose. The oak treatment supports but doesn't overwhelm the flavors and provides a nice lengthy backbone throughout. It has a juiciness that is consistent with the fruit flavors and tremendous focus. This is a wine to enjoy over many years to come.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal Composition	76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot
Vineyard	Kuleto Estate, 1100 - 1250 feet elevation Alcohol 14.8%
Aging	18 months in French, American and Hungarian oak, 40% new
Alcohol	14.5%
pH	3.70
TA	6.1 g/l