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N A P A V A L L E Y

Merus is handmade in every sense of the word. It is composed primarily of Cabernet Sauvignon from the Coombsville Viticultural Appellation in the Southeastern corner of the Napa Valley. The individual vineyards selected for Merus are owned by a handful of serious growers who possess extraordinary terroirs and a willingness to implement our strict farming and harvesting protocols. Severe pruning, cluster sorting, small-lot fermentations and careful lot selection combine to create a wine that is dense, concentrated and nuanced.

V I N E Y A R D S

The bulk of Merus comes from a single well-chosen Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard site in the Coombsville A.V.A. of the Napa Valley. This is one of the coolest sites in the Napa Valley which allows the vines to remain viable and active into November. What it also has going for it under challenging conditions is very well-draining soil (volcanic strewn with river cobble), early morning sunshine due to the gentle eastern aspect, and daily afternoon breezes.

W I N E M A K E R ' S N O T E S

Vintage 2017 began with abundant rainfall, followed by a mild Spring resulting in extended flowering with little shatter. A Labor Day weekend heatwave kicked harvest into high gear, then cool weather allowed sugar levels to return to normal. By October 8 nearly 90 percent of the 2017 grape tonnage was in when warm, fierce winds fueled an unprecedented firestorm. Napa Valley's winemakers remain committed to upholding the region's reputation for making some of the world's finest wines and early articles about the 2017 vintage describe the wines with words such as "finesse," "great complexity of flavor" and "elegant."

(From Napa Valley Vintners Vintage Recaps)

The 2017 Merus showcases notes of chocolate, blueberry pie, jammed red fruits and black currant. It boasts a powerful upfront mouth feel with sweet oak barrel spices and a silky, rounded finish.

98% CABERNET SAUVIGNON (COOMBSVILLE)

2% PETIT VERDOT (YOUNTVILLE)

100% NEW FRENCH OAK

24 MONTHS IN BARREL

15% ALCOHOL

1,994 750 ml CASES PRODUCED

