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2017
CABERNET SAUVIGNON - RUTHERFORD
HANDMADE
Peral Vineyard

VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage started out with a wet spring that extended flowering and stimulated vigorous vines. We had a mild summer with the promise of a beautiful harvest. Then in early fall the first heat wave kicked harvest into full gear, ripening everything almost at once. This allowed the fruit to develop deeper, more concentrated flavors along with low yields. Right behind this heat wave came the wild fires; luckily, we had already brought in 99% of our fruit crop.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The Foley Johnson 2017 Peral Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from our Peral Vineyard, a 10 acre parcel adjacent to our main Rutherford Estate. The name 'Peral' pays homage to the sites history as a pear orchard. Today a single 100 year old pear tree remains in the vineyard. It's comprised of thicker and heavier adobe soils with small amounts of gravel which are perfect for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. The ideal growing conditions in the vineyard allow our Bordeaux varietals to reach full maturity on the vine without taking on the green, leafy taste of under-ripe fruit. The grapes were all harvested between September 1 – October 10, 2017. The wine went through 100% malolactic fermentation and was aged for 24 months in 50% new French oak before going into bottle on December 11, 2019.

TASTING

Our 2017 Peral Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of black currant, anise and toasted oak. On the palate, bold tannins are balanced with flavors of blackberry and dark cherry with savory notes of tobacco and graphite. This is a well-structured and full bodied wine that beautifully displays the quality of our Rutherford Estate terroir. While approachable now, this wine will age beautifully and gain complexity over the next 10-15 years.

STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley		ALCOHOL	15.1%
COMPOSITION	75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Cabernet Franc, 12% Merlot		TA	5.8 g/L
			PH	3.75
AGING	24 months in French oak, 50% new		BOTTLING DATE	Dec. 11, 2019
PRODUCTION	209 cases			