

LANCASTER ESTATE

2017 SOPHIA'S HILLSIDE CUVÉE

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Production: 1,301 cases
Varietals: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon,
2% Malbec, 2% Merlot

Titratable Acidity: 6.4 g/L
pH: 3.77
Alcohol: 14.5%



OUR THOUGHTS...

Our 2017 Sophia's Hillside Cuvée is composed of our young hillside blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, and our oldest block of Malbec. The fruit from these estate vineyard blocks meld together to create a perfectly balanced, intense wine. It has the fruit-forward youthfulness and freshness of the young Cabernet Sauvignon that is softened and balanced by the lush old vine Malbec and young Merlot. Aromas and flavors of cherry, red currant and vanilla meld beautifully with bright notes of strawberry, raspberry and dark chocolate. Strong, velvety tannins make this an age-worthy yet approachable wine with a lingering finish.

VINTAGE AND ESTATE NOTES:

The 2017 growing season began with sufficient rainfall to reinvigorate the vines. A cool spring with moderate temperatures set the stage for a prime bud break. Some heat spikes in the late summer propelled harvest which occurred in mid-September allowing us to bring in the fruit at optimal maturity. The wines from this vintage have great uniformity, concentration and outstanding balance.

COOPERAGE:

This wine was aged sur lie for 18 months in 100% French oak from the Nevers and Allier forests in central France. We chose barrels from several coopers including Taransaud, Demptos, Saury and Bel Air. 30% of the barrels were new and all were coopered using a combination of Medium Plus, Medium Long and Heavy toast levels to provide better integration and balance.

BOTTLED:
APRIL 23, 2019

