

FOLEY F SONOMA

2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON ALEXANDER VALLEY

Foley Sonoma is dedicated to mixing old-world tradition and modern technology to create limited production, luxury wines from estate vineyards in the Alexander Valley appellation within Sonoma County. Our family has been growing and creating wines since 1996 throughout California and beyond. The estate vineyards offer diverse terrain and soil types that cater to our focus on the five noble Bordeaux varieties — Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. We look forward to sharing the wines from this special place with you and your family for years to come. — The Foley Family

VINTAGE

Harvest 2017 was an excellent vintage in the Alexander Valley. A relatively cool ripening season in August was followed by a four-day, 115 degree heat spike, which pushed all fruit that was on the fringes of ripeness well into full maturity. Luckily, grape quality was not compromised, and once the fruit arrived, it was fantastic to work with. Although the heat spike was much maligned at the time, all of our fruit, aside from a single block of Cabernet Franc, was in and processed by the time the fires hit at the beginning of October.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The vineyards of Foley Sonoma lie in the heart of our estate in the Alexander Valley. Our Cabernet Sauvignon vines are planted in rich soil that supports the 337 clone. These vines were planted on our estate in the early 2000's. After harvest, the fruit was fermented in French oak barrels (40% new) and aged for 22 months. A percentage of Petit Verdot was added to the final blend for enhanced aromas and texture.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon showcases all that we love about the Alexander Valley. Its full body and well-structured tannins support rich flavors of cassis, blackberry, toffee and vanilla bean. Thanks to the youthful tannins and backbone of acidity on the finish, this wine will continue to age gracefully for 7-10 years.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Composition: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Tannat, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Aging: 22 months in French oak, 40% new

Alcohol: 15.5%

TA: 6.6 g/L

pH: 3.41

Production: 312 Cases

