



FLANAGAN

2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

APPELLATION	Sonoma County
HARVEST DATE	Sept. 10th, Oct. 3rd, 2017
pH	3.56
TA	6.28
ABV	14.3%
CASES PRODUCED	353
RELEASE DATE	October 2020



VINEYARD NOTES

In 2017 crop set was generally better than in 2015 and 2016. A severe heat spike in late August resulted in some damage to grapes....but thicker skinned varieties like Cabernet were much less affected. This was especially true in cooler areas like Bennett Valley. People generally believe that a heat spike results in grapes that are riper. In fact, the heat spike we experienced in 2017 shut down the vines completely. Brix levels initially spiked due to desiccation but once the vines had a chance to recover Brix levels dropped back to where they were prior to the heatwave. In many of our vineyards we ended up harvesting at lower Brix levels than in 2016.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Flanagan Cabernet has classic Cabernet notes of cedar, violets, and Christmas spices. The palate has Red and Black Current, Bay Leaf, and Tobacco. As always the wine has a surprising amount of tannin structure for New World Cabernet. All of our Cabernet comes from hillside sites and the small berries produced from the steep, volcanic sites give the wine great color and concentration.

This is a Cabernet that has the structure and secondary notes of a top Left Bank wine. Great farming, top vineyard sites, and restraint in the winemaking result in a balanced, age-worthy Cabernet.