

HESTAN VINEYARDS

Napa Valley ✦ Gordon Valley district

2017 Meyer Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards

The Hestan Vineyard has 110 planted acres of low yielding Bordeaux varieties and is located on the Napa Valley's remote Eastern Slopes. The property was a former cattle ranch and was purchased by Stanley and Helen Cheng in 1996. The soils are well drained and the microclimate in this area is warmer than the valley floor, with an average variation of 30 degrees each growing season. Both the vineyard and the gardens are sustainably farmed and 100% solar powered.

Growing Season

The year 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, which moved West to Santa Rosa. The Estate Vineyards were untouched by the fires.

Vinification

The lots for Meyer Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon are kept separate throughout winemaking to retain individual block and varietal characters. Small capacity fermentation tanks, carefully timed pump-overs and punch-downs, a mix of native and cultured yeasts, the finest French cooperage and extended aging result in a wine noted for its deep flavor and velvety tannins.

Tasting Notes

In the glass the wine displays a nearly opaque purple-ruby hue. Aromas suggest tart red fruit, clove, vanilla husk and an exotic spice component. Palate notes are decidedly bramble-focused, with lingering aromatic wood and purple flowers. The tannins are firm but even and provide a nice black tea component, both in mouth feel and flavor. The finish is very light and clean, thanks to a refreshing acid framework.



Appellation: Napa Valley

Vineyard: Estate

Aging: 20 months

Winemaker: Thomas Rivers
Brown

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Maturation: 60% new French oak

PH: 3.82

TA: 6.5 g/L

Alcohol: 14.6%

Production: 2090 cases

Bottling date: June 26. 2019