KATHRYN HALL CABERNET SAUVIGNON

HALL
NAPA VALLEY

2017

TASTING NOTES

Deep, dark ruby in color, this vintage is elegantly balanced with aromas of concentrated blackberry, freshly turned earth, and a hint of warm, spicy oak. The palate is fruit-forward with underlying notes of rich cocoa and leather. Layers of black fruit, nutmeg, cassis, and brooding earthy notes are abundant. Supple, seamless tannins abound as the wine finishes with a lasting dark fruit impression.

WINEGROWING NOTES

The Kathryn Hall Cabernet Sauvignon is the pinnacle of our blending efforts each year. The exalted Sacrashe Vineyard takes center stage, and is the basis of this blend. The vineyard contributes the mouth-coating richness and complexity, offering deep, dark earthy cassis flavors and powerfully dense tannins. From there, we search out complementary vineyards, usually from the most regarded mountain appellations, to create balance, symmetry, and finesse in the wine. Lastly, we introduce vineyards with profound depth and decadence to heighten the voluptuousness and opulence that have become a hallmark character of our flagship wine.

VINTAGE NOTES

Our 2017 harvest wrapped up early fall following summer heat spurts and a growing season that saw significant rain throughout the state, ending a five-year drought. The season began with rainfall that refilled reservoirs and replenished soils. Harvest began early at a normal pace, and then progressed rapidly during a heat wave in late August and early September. Temperatures cooled in mid-September, slowing the harvest pace and allowing grapes to ripen gradually. This is a strong quality vintage.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VINEYARDS

Sacrashe & Vineyard Partners

VARIETAL

95% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Merlot

BARREL COMPOSITION

75% New French Oak

BARREL AGING

26 Months

ALCOHOL

15.1%

WINEMAKER

Megan Gunderson

ACCOLADES

92 Points
James Molesworth
Wine Spectator

94-96 Points *(Barrel Score)*
Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Wine Advocate

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