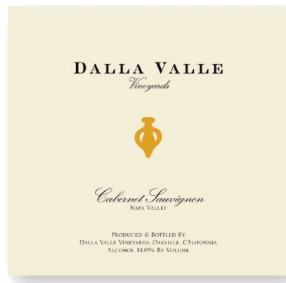


# DALLA VALLE

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## 2017 DALLA VALLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

79% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 21% CABERNET FRANC,

HARVEST DATE: 18TH SEPTEMBER

OAK AGING: 22 MONTHS, 60% NEW OAK, 100% FRENCH

The Dalla Valle wines from 2017 are a welcome gift from a vintage that reflects the resilience of Napa Valley. The season began with ample winter rain, but very little rain in spring, which allowed the vines to set a balanced crop with healthy canopies. Several heat events during the year pushed the vines along, but with forethought and diligence in the vineyard we were able to keep fruit development in check. In the end, as fruit started coming in, it was apparent that the wines had a focus and acid/tannin balance that would make them very appealing.

The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon is comprised of some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon grown on our Oakville estate, blended with 15% Cabernet Franc to add complexity and balance. It was aged for 21 months in French Oak barrels and bottled without fining or filtration in order to maximize the wine's great potential. The initial impression of the wine is one of high energy, brightness, and ample structure. While not broad or massive, this vintage is incredibly flavorful, with appealing notes of red cherry, bramble, freshly baked bread, and Asian spices. It is mouthwatering on the entry, across the palate, and on the finish, which lasts for nearly a full minute. This is a wine that is generous and expressive right now, but, given the strength of its tannic backbone, will continue to develop and age for many years to come.