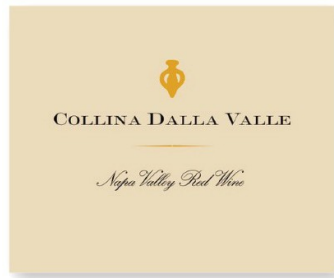


DALLA VALLE

Vineyards



2017 COLLINA DALLA VALLE NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

52% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 39% CABERNET FRANC, 9%

PETITE VERDOT HARVEST DATE: 20TH SEPTEMBER

OAK AGING: 20 MONTHS, 40% NEW OAK

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 followed by 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.

Sure enough, the wines now show a red-fruit freshness and narrow focus, plenty of structure, and a brightness that makes them enjoyable right off the bat. The 2017 Collina Dalla Valle, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot from our hillside estate, offers a vivid look at what our vineyard produces: richness, structure, and length. Fresh red raspberry, nutmeg, vanilla bean and toasty oak aromas are immediately notable. On the palate, these same characters follow through, delivered on a precise, finely woven lattice of tannin and natural acidity. While the intensity of the fruit drives the impression of the wine, the highly integrated French oak flavors add to the length of the wine. As it is not filtered or fined, the wine continues to open for hours in the glass and will certainly develop nicely for years in the bottle.

While 2017 will be remembered for the late-season fires that galvanized our community, the wines reflect what we experienced before these events—a joyful growing season with plenty of warmth and California sunshine.