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2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINTAGE: Seventh

COMPOSITION: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION: Coombsville AVA, Napa Valley

VINEYARD: Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981

OPTIMAL DRINKING PERIOD: 2–15 Years

PRODUCTION: 347 Cases

PRICE: \$125 / 750ml SOS Only

BLOCK: Caldwell 9, 11, 13, 17, 18

YIELD: 3.0 Tons per Acre on Average

AVERAGE VINE AGE: 23 Years

GRAPE VARIETIES: See Composition Section

CLONES: Multiple

ROOTSTOCK: Multiple

HARVEST DATES: Multiple

FERMENTATION: Stainless and French Oak Barrels

VINTAGE SUMMARY: The 2017 growing season started with a wet winter and early spring unprecedented in recent history, closer in relation to 1995, 1998, and 2011. The mild spring conditions extended flowering, and provided limited fruit shatter and good set. High temperatures for a few days in early and mid-July accelerated veraison in reds, and pushed whites into accelerated sugar accumulation. Three pre-veraison heat spikes early in June and July started early phenolic precursor production and shifted hormonal pressures in our vines to concentrate on ripening fruit early. Two heat spikes in late August and early September ravaged young vine blocks, but had very little effect on older vines and those with larger canopies providing better protection from the sun. Ultimately, 2017 will be characterized as a ripe, opulent, and very tannic year with a relatively short growing season due to the tragic fires that began on October 8th.

YEAST: Multiple

ML BACTERIA: Multiple

WOOD ORIGIN: New French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)

AGING: 100% French Oak, 80% New, for 18 Months

FINING: None

FILTERING: Filtered

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BOTTLED ON: May 9, 2019

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES: Very close in complexity on the nose to our 2017 Platinum, with layers of black cassis, freshly smoked sweet pipe tobacco, electric blueberry, camphor, perfectly integrated strongly toasted oak, and cured leather. With intense, velvety layers of rich purple plum and lingonberry intertwining with obscenely high levels of tall, elegant tannins, our only 100% Cabernet Sauvignon blend of the year is not built for the faint of heart (or palate).