

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Tannat

2017

Vintage:	Tenth
Composition:	99% Tannat, 1% Syrah
Clones:	Multiple
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Block:	Caldwell 17
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	23 Years
Grape Varieties:	Tannat, Syrah
Rootstock:	Multiple
Harvest Date:	Multiple

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.

Fermentation:	Stainless and French Oak Barrels
Yeast:	Multiple
ML:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	18 Months
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Filtered
Alcohol:	15.5%
Bottling Date:	April 23, 2019

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Aromas of warm leather, black currant, and licorice resonate through waves of cured cigar tobacco, freshly roasted coffee, and rose petals. Tannat's super high volume of fine-grained tannins envelops the core of electric black fruits and carries through a long finish of sweet new French oak.

Cellaring:	2–12 Years
Production:	100 Cases
Price:	\$95/750ml

