



# TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

## 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**Vintage:** After 4 dry years, the 2017 harvest can be considered almost “normal”. Record winter rains finally provided some real drought relief; but bud-break still came about 1 week earlier than usual. Warm spring weather allowed for good berry set and a slightly below average crop. Hot summer and autumn temperatures quickly brought the fruit to maturity. Severe wild fires near the end of harvest made this a memorable vintage. The wines of 2017 are intense, but elegant with nice acidity and balance.

**Vineyard:** The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 400 acres of hills and valleys which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in several different sites - on steep, southwestern facing hillsides. The vines range from 21 - 43 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec are blended in to provide additional softness, structure, and complexity.

**Harvest:** Oct. 5 – 19 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.52 pH • 6.5 g/L TA

**Winemaking:** All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. Maceration time varied from 14 to 30 days depending on vineyard block. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (45% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2019. The final blend is 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, and 1% Malbec. This wine is drinkable now, but reward careful cellaring for the next 10 - 15 years.

**Wine Analysis:** 14.2% alcohol • 3.60 pH • 5.9 g/l TA

**Tasting Notes:** Intense aromas of black plum, raspberry, and cassis; with a hint of cedar and vanilla. The mouth is layered with bright flavors of ripe cherry, red currants, and berry jam. Firm tannins focus the palate and provide a lengthy finish of spice and red fruit.

**Release Date:** February 1st, 2020

**Cases Produced:** 5210 cases

