

BELLA OAKS



2017
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PROPRIETARY RED WINE

APPELLATION
Rutherford, Napa Valley

VARIETAL
88% CS, 11% CF, 1% PV;
C. 6, 169, 327, 337, Madrona, VCC

BARREL AGING
21 months in 70% new French Oak

SOIL COMPOSITION
Alluvial dark gravel and clay loams
over ancient volcanics

TOTAL PRODUCTION
497 cases

CERTIFIED ORGANIC
BIODYNAMICALLY FARMED

TASTING NOTES

An intensely aromatic nose of savory dried herbs, red currants and gentle spices. The palate is immediately accessible, driven by cassis and Damson plum alongside accents of marjoram and lavender. Fine, lacy acidity and supple, mouthcoating tannins play a supporting role to the long finish, which is rounded out by beautifully integrated notes of Indian spice box and toasted walnut skins. A quietly spoken, yet sure-footed wine that highlights the elegance Rutherford is capable of.

CRITICAL REVIEW

"Dark, powerful and beautifully layered, the 2017 is full of potential for the future." **Antonio Galloni, Vinous**

THE BELLA OAKS STORY

Bella Oaks combines one of Napa Valley's most historic and revered vineyards with the dedication to cultural heritage projects that characterizes the vision of proprietor and arts advocate Suzanne Deal Booth. The Bella Oaks Vineyard is legendary, with a legacy for producing some of Napa Valley's earliest single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons. Since acquiring Bella Oaks in 2010, Deal Booth has breathed new life into this storied property with a focus on stewardship that includes organic and biodynamic farming practices and a thoughtful emphasis on biodiversity.

Joined by Winemaker Nigel Kinsman, Master Blender Michel Rolland and Vineyard Manager David Abreu, Deal Booth aims to elevate the estate to its highest potential by giving voice to the land with singular Cabernet Sauvignons, and through the seamless integration of wine, art, community, and culture.