



#### WINEGROWING INFORMATION

Introducing the fourth year of drought, the 2014-2015 winter was one of the driest on record in California, and rainfall totals for Napa Valley were barely half of average. However, with a wet December, a dry January and over 11 inches falling in February, what little rain there was came at a perfect time and provided the grapevines with adequate moisture for good shoot growth and healthy canopies. Warm temperatures brought an early bud break, but cold weather in May at bloom reduced yields roughly 15% below average. The summer was one of the warmest and driest in over 20 years, and the very high number of growing degree days resulted in an historically early harvest. Our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes achieved full ripeness and flavors, while retaining the fresh aromatics and acidity of an early season. They were hand-harvested in the cool morning hours beginning on September 7th and ending on September 23rd and brought to the winery for crush into stainless steel tanks for fermentation. The wine was aged for 21 months in new and used French oak barrels and was bottled in June 2017.

#### TASTING NOTES

The first earth-driven aromas of this wine become more complex with notes of exotic spices, white flowers, dried roses, talcum powder, lavender and ash, evolving into a sweet, ethereal perfume on the nose. On the palate, the wine offers delicious flavors of red licorice, raspberry, black cherry and cranberry, a core density balanced by minerality and loamy notes, and a long finish of fine dusty tannins and wet stone. Notes winemaker Francoise Peschon: *"There is a purity and sophistication in this wine that balances the old world with the new world – great balance and tension, strong core tannins, yet very refined, with a long, lingering finish that begs for another sip."*