



Accendo Cellars



Napa Valley CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

"This complex wine has a confident and alluring presence with its aromatic intensity, tension and grip complementing the full flavors of blue and black fruits, exotic spices and fine tannins."

- Nigel Kinsman, winemaker

TASTING NOTES

The aromatics of this wine are expressive and brooding, with saturated brambly fruit aromas, seasoned with savory herbs of sage and bay leaf, and traces of mint and forest floor. There is an earthy clay component with notes of hoisin, baking spices and black tea. In the mouth, the wine comes alive with great depth and ample tannins coating the palate, finishing with a lingering minerality of wet stone.

PHILOSOPHY

Accendo Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon is an uber blend utilizing impeccable fruit from superior vineyard sites, fashioned in a winemaking style that emphasizes elegance, balance, freshness and finesse. It is a quintessential expression of Napa Valley terroir.

VINEYARDS

Our core Cabernet vineyards are located in the "Gold Coast" of the western bench of Oakville and Yountville, viewed by most locals as the location of Napa Valley's finest sites for growing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon: Vine Hill Ranch, M-Bar Ranch, Sleeping Lady. These core vineyards are complemented and complexed by unique and little-known treasures: Ecotone, Terravina at Upper Range, Diamond Mountain. At Accendo Cellars, we work with owners and growers who sustainably farm their land and believe, as we do, that great wines are made in the vineyard. The vineyards we source today are a testament to that belief, and share some common characteristics:

- Unique terroir, with signature characteristics, found only at that site
- Consistency of the fruit every year
- Ability to produce high quality in challenging vintages

VINTAGE NOTES

2017 in Napa Valley began with generous rains fed by 'atmospheric rivers' that broke the long-running drought and brought rainfall totals to 150% of average in most locations. The saturating rains created challenges for farmers trying to get into the vineyards to finish pruning, and budbreak was later than normal, but by May, warmer and drier weather allowed a good fruit set of small grape clusters. Summer months were characterized by heat waves and very low humidity. Following veraison in early August, the hot and dry weather continued into late August/early September.

VARIETAL BLEND

96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc

HAND HARVESTED

September 14th - October 6th

WINEMAKING

Fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged in new and used French oak barrels for 21 months before bottling.

ALCOHOL

14.8%

PRODUCTION

719 cases

ACCOLADES

96pts

Wine Spectator

95pts

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

95pts

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**DIAMOND MOUNTAIN
(FORMERLY REVERIE ESTATE),
DIAMOND MOUNTAIN**

 CABERNET FRANC

 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

 PETIT VERDOT

**ECOTONE VINEYARD
(FORMERLY THOREVILOS VINEYARD),
NAPA VALLEY**

 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**TERRAVINA VINEYARD,
NAPA VALLEY**

**RANCHO PEQUEÑO,
OAKVILLE**

 PETIT VERDOT

 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**VINE HILL RANCH,
OAKVILLE**

**M-BAR RANCH,
OAKVILLE**

 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**SLEEPING LADY VINEYARD,
YOUNTVILLE**

 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**RYAN'S VINEYARD,
OAK KNOLL**


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ACCENDO (Latin, Verb):
TO ILLUMINATE, TO INSPIRE, TO AROUSE

Accendo Cellars is: the Araujo Family's wine brand, made by two generations working together with their longstanding team to honor the winemaking and family heritage of Napa Valley.

The wines of Accendo Cellars are inspired by Napa Valley's early modern era—the 1950s, 60s and 70s—derived from grapevines rooted in some of the finest vineyard sites and nurtured by growers devoted to the land. The Accendo wines express the nobility and purity of the terroir the Araujos have long admired about this region.