



With more than 40 years of winemaking heritage in California's most fabled wine region, Napa Cellars embodies the classic, unmistakable style of Napa Valley. Veteran winemaker Joe Shirley crafts our wines from estate vineyards and coveted partner sites throughout Napa's most revered sub-appellations. Meticulous care in the vineyard, coupled with gentle winemaking techniques, ensures our wines reflect the quality and richness of Napa Valley's terroir.

VINEYARD

Grapes for the Napa Cellars 2017 Malbec are sourced mostly from Coombsville, Napa Valley, on Vichy Avenue across from Vichy Elementary. The climate in Coombsville is ideal for growing Malbec as the vines gain relatively high amounts of sun and heat in order to mature, especially because of the Malbec grapes' thick skin. The vines produce fruit with layers of complexity resulting in wines with earthy minerality and exceptional, natural acidity.

WINEMAKING

Once harvested, the fruit is carefully sorted, de-stemmed and gently crushed. To enhance color and flavor, extensive seed removal occurs and délestage procedures are incorporated during the 18 day maceration period. This process helps to release the aromatic characters to create full, round tannins. After fermentation, the wine is aged in 100% French oak barrels, 53% of which was new, for 22 months.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Napa Cellars 2017 Malbec is a sophisticated wine that delivers aromas of dark plum, black raspberry and floral notes with a hint of fennel and vanilla characteristics. Lush flavors of dark plum, dark ripe cherries and a hint of sage are complemented with soft tannins up front with some dryness on the finish. For a decadent meal, pair with chicken drumsticks drizzled with Asian barbecue sauce or chili-rubbed steak.

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

COMPOSITION: 83% Malbec,
17% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING: 100% French oak (53% new),
22 months

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

T.A.: 0.58 g / 100ml

PH: 3.55

HARVEST DATE: September 27 2017

RELEASE DATE: January 2020

CASES: 305 (12-pack cases)

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