



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 Meritage are carefully selected from various vineyards and specific regions within the Napa Valley AVA. This red blend is made up of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Petit Verdot comprised of 72% estate grown fruit. These 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 15-18 day maceration period. This process helps to release the aromatic characters to create full, round tannins. After fermentation, the wine is aged in French oak, 50% of which were new barrels, for 23 months.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Napa Cellars 2017 Meritage is a sophisticated wine that delivers an opulent bouquet of cherry preserves and brambly fruit on the nose. These aromas unfold flavors of blackberry, black currant, spice and cocoa. This is an intense, dark inky wine with well-structured tannins. For a perfect pairing, serve with braised short ribs drizzled with homemade barbecue sauce and a touch of rosemary.

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

COMPOSITION: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Malbec, 9% Petit Verdot

AGING: 100% French oak, (50% new) for 23 months

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

T.A.: 0.56 g / 100ml

PH: 3.83

HARVEST DATE:
September 20 – September 27, 2017

RELEASE DATE: January 2020

CASES: 186 (12-pack cases)

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