

Raymond Vineyards, 'Reserve Selection', Napa Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon 2017



Classic Napa Valley Cabernet redolent of blackcurrant and cedar underpinned by chocolate flavours - elegant, smooth and opulent.

Producer Note

Raymond Vineyards, founded in 1970, is one of the Napa Valley's pioneering estates. The Raymond family arrived in Napa in 1933 and have become deeply connected to the valley's winemaking origins. In 1970, they established a 36 hectare estate in Rutherford, which now comprises 121 hectares in Rutherford, St. Helena and Jameson Canyon. Raymond's Rutherford and St. Helena estate vineyards are certified organic and biodynamic; and 100% of the winery's power comes from renewable solar energy. Five generations of the Raymond family have created a Napa icon, with an enduring reputation for elegant wines with a beautiful balance of finesse, opulence and complexity.

Vintage

The 2017 vintage was marked by extreme conditions that reduced crop size, starting with abundant winter rainfall and mild spring weather, which led to vigorous vines. However, the growing season saw three heat spikes, including one over 'Labor Day' weekend that accelerated the harvest. The hot year ensured that the vast majority of fruit was off the vines when the Wine Country wildfires broke out on 8th October 2017.

Vineyard

The grapes for the Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced selected vineyards in the Napa Valley from Oak Knoll to north of Calistoga, with the majority of fruit coming from estate vineyards. The grapes were picked early in the morning hours to retain freshness. The vineyards are diligently monitored throughout the growing season to balance the crop size and quality. Shoot thinning and leaf removal early in the growing season, followed by cluster thinning at véraison, help to achieve evenly ripened grapes with concentrated flavours.

Winemaking

The wine underwent an extended maceration and was aged for 18 months in French oak, of which 37% was new. The balance was aged in twice and thrice-used French oak. The final blend includes a small proportion of additional varieties for added depth and complexity. The wine was bottled unfiltered, contributing greater texture and presence to the mid palate.

Tasting Note

Expressive flavours of raspberry and blackberry are complemented by blackcurrant and warm plum. The fresh and vibrant palate is textured with plush tannins through to a smooth and velvety finish.

Grape

Cabernet Sauvignon 90%, Petit Verdot 7%, Petite Sirah 2%, Merlot 1%



Winemaker:	Stephanie Putnam
Region:	California
Sub region:	Napa Valley
Country:	USA
Alcohol:	14.5%
Body Value:	D (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	0.4
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/No
Milk/Eggs:	No/Yes
Organic/Biodynamic	No/No
Product Code:	55252171
Case unit of measure:	12X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Agglomerated Cork