

VARIETAL COLLECTION

# *Syrah Rosé Joy*

2017

Vintage: Seventh  
Composition: 100% Syrah  
Clones: 777, 470, 2  
Appellation: Napa Valley, Coombsville District  
Vineyard: Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981  
Block: Kreuzer, 15  
Yield: 2.5 Tons per Acre  
Average Vine Age: 20 Years  
Grape Variety: Syrah  
Rootstock: 3309

Vintage Summary: The 2017 growing season started with a wet winter, but the warm and steady weather that followed brought a consistent bud break in March/April, with good uniformity and set. Veraison came slightly early but was normal in terms of uniformity. Heat spikes in July prompted an early white harvest in August. The reds enjoyed mostly warm ripening weather through August and September, which provided beautiful color and depth of flavors. On October 8th, the tragic fires of Napa and Sonoma interrupted harvest, but fortunately our team and their families were unharmed and we resumed harvesting October 14th. Berry sizes were smaller than average and the yield was very low.

The vintage will be remembered most for the fires and their impact on all of us. From the wine standpoint, those varieties picked before the fire show bright acidity and zesty flavors. The fruit post-fire will be characterized by riper flavors and softer tannins.

Harvest Date: October 3, 2017  
Fermentation: 100% New French Oak Barrels  
Yeast: Natural  
ML: Natural  
Wood Origin: Tronçais, Jupilles  
Aging: 6 Months  
New Oak Barrels: 75%  
Fining: None  
Filtering: Filtered  
Alcohol: 13.7%  
Bottling Date: March 13, 2018

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: A layered nose of pomegranate, raspberry, strawberry, vanilla, cardamom, and orange peel. The fresh cherry attack leads to a full mouth of raspberry, strawberry, fuji apple, pineapple, watermelon, and hint of white pepper. Floral and white chocolate notes linger on a long, clean finish.

Cellaring: 6 Months – 2 Years  
Production: 200 Cases  
Price: \$75/750ml

