



2017 ABREU

Madrona Ranch

ST HELENA, CA

Madrona Ranch will always be a site that succeeds in any vintage due to its diversity of soils, exposures and vine age. The heat wave at the end of August scorched the most exposed sections of the vineyard and left other blocks untouched. Even though yields were reduced in 2017, we were still able to produce the same quantity of wine as in 2016. With the last pick on October 7, we harvested all of the fruit a day before multiple fires sparked in all parts of the Napa Valley.

COMPOSITION:	Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Merlot
PICK DATES:	September 9 & 25 October 1, 2 & 7
PRODUCTION:	16 barrels
BOTTLED:	December 2019
RELEASE DATE:	August 2021
WINEMAKER:	Brad Grimes
PROPRIETOR:	David Abreu

The first fruit came off of Madrona Ranch on September 9—a diverse selection across 13 blocks that primarily consisted of equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. A Cabernet Sauvignon dominant blend from vines planted in 2001 and 2002 was picked on September 25. The last three picks came in quick succession. The oldest vines from 1980 were picked on consecutive days—October 1 and 2. Those two fermentations established the core of the 2017 wine. The very last pick was a very important mix of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot which rounded out the final blend. The 16 barrel blend is 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot and 6% Merlot.