



2017 Thorevilos

NAPA VALLEY

The eastern hills above St. Helena are an anomaly. Nestled below Howell Mountain and to the west of Conn Valley, these few hundred acres of badlands and rock outcrops are abundant with scrub brush, oaks and pines all rooted in volcanic ash. The white soils are filled with small pebbles creating a porous soil structure ideal for growing vines. As the decades have progressed, the picks at Thorevilos are earlier in the harvest. By embracing the intense exposure of the high terraces, selecting bunches from the more exposed areas and balancing ripeness through co-fermentation, harvest can span nearly one month on this single parcel.

As in all the vintages since 2006, harvest began with the Merlot and the most exposed Cabernet Sauvignon forming a crucial blend essential for both elegance and structure. Just three days later, on September 14, the core piece of Cabernet Sauvignon was picked along with small amounts of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. This selection formed the backbone of the 2017 Thorevilos. On October 3, the last of the Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented in equal parts with Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. A monumental and highly important fermentation that created the final structural component to the blend. The end of harvest at Thorevilos always culminates in a final selection of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Although, in 2017, this occurred the day after several fires were sparked in and around Napa Valley. Even though the final fermentation showed nobility and was a great wine, none of the barrels were included in the final blend. From the first three picks at harvest, the 2017 Thorevilos is a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot and 10% Merlot.

INAUGURAL VINTAGE: 2000

ACREAGE: 20

SOIL COMPOSITION: Volcanic Ash, Tufa

VARIETIES: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Merlot

HARVEST DATES: September 11, 14

October 3, 9

PRODUCTION: 13 Barrels

BOTTLED: Dec 2019

RELEASE DATE: Spring 2022