



2017
RED BLEND
CAVEDALE VINEYARD
MOON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
SONOMA COUNTY

We've labeled this wine a Red Blend and not a Bordeaux Blend, not as an act of modesty, simply a better description of what's inside.

A Bordeaux blend combines two or more of the following: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. This wine checks the first three. Where it departs from Bordeaux is elevation. Moon Mountain, where this wine was grown, sits at 2,000 feet while Bordeaux rarely exceeds 150. And that makes all the difference. Mountain fruit is intense and structured. The berries are tiny and offer a higher skin-to-pulp ratio. More skin equals more tannins and those, dear friend, take time to unravel.

On the nose: plum, black cherry, black pepper, blueberry compote. In the mouth: sour cherry, cranberry and dark chocolate, all firmly knit together with dusty, lip-smacking tannins. Decant a full hour ahead and you'll be rewarded.

BLEND: 45% Cabernet Sauvignon
45% Merlot
10% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD: Cavedale Vineyard

ELEVATION: 2,000 ft.

SOILS: Volcanic Basalt

BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.0

HARVEST DATE: 12 Sept. 2017

FERMENTATION: Native Yeast, 7 Day
Cold Soak, 36 Days on Skins, No Amendments

COOPERAGE: Atelier, Baron, Taransaud

AGING: 21 Mos, 50% New Oak

10 BARRELS PRODUCED

\$45

