

STAGLIN

FAMILY VINEYARD

2017 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rutherford, Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	October 1, 2020
<i>Harvest Dates</i>	September 21st - October 13th, 2017
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	20 Months
<i>Oak</i>	100% French, 81% new, 19% used
<i>Blend</i>	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%

Winemaker Tasting Notes



2017 was a growing season for the record books – from drought ending winter rains to late summer heat events. The wettest winter in almost two decades along with the extended dormancy of a decently cold winter allowed the vines to rest and recover from a 5 year stretch of abundant activity and gave us a later than typical budbreak. Though the late spring and early summer were defined by peaks and valleys compared to other ‘goldilocks’ years which enjoyed less varied conditions, we had a well-managed crop that handled the overall warm growing conditions beautifully.

At first a bit reticent and brooding, with a swirl and a breath of air the 2017 Staglin Cabernet awakens into an energetic cascade of red and black fruit deepened by dollops of earth, resinous woods and pinched herbs. An opening blast of tar inflected boysenberry and black cherry glides into a granular midpalate of star anise infused cassis and molasses-drizzled warm figs complexed with notes of camphor, seasoned alder and hint of hyssop that is surprisingly approachable, finely-grained and imminently enjoyable now.