

NAPA VALLEY QUILT

“FOR MANY GENERATIONS, NAPA VALLEY HAS BEEN HOME TO A MYRIAD OF CLASSIC RED VARIETALS, WELL BEYOND CABERNET. WITH THIS BLEND OF PETITE SIRAH, MERLOT, ZINFANDEL, AND PETIT VERDOT AND A TIP OF OUR HATS TO MY HERITAGE WE HAVE CRAFTED “THE FABRIC OF THE LAND”.”



JOSEPH WAGNER, FIFTH GENERATION NAPA VALLEY WINEMAKER

2017 NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

For our Napa Valley Quilt, we work with grapes representing the diversity of varieties cultivated in the Napa Valley AVA. We source Petite Sirah, Merlot, Zinfandel, and Petit Verdot grapes from a spectrum of Napa Valley proper; from Oak Knoll in the South to Calistoga in the North. The result of blending these diverse varieties and regions yields wines of extraordinary concentration of flavor, color, and texture. While the majority of the fruit comes from the valley floor, we also relied on grapes grown on the foot-slopes to achieve the texture and grip we desired.

2017 GROWING SEASON

The 2017 growing season began with abundant rainfall and very cold weather during the winter period. Despite the delay of early spring grapevine growth, due to the cold and wet winter weather, the late spring conditions were very warm. The late spring growth was both robust and healthy. The summer weather was remarkable with sweltering days and mild evenings that enabled the crop to ripen and mature evenly. The fruit endured an unusual heat event in early September, like a cherry on top of the season, and harvest occurred at a rapid pace for several weeks following the hot weather.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our winemaking begins in the vineyards, picking fruit at optimum physiological maturity to create a blend that highlights the outstanding terroir of the Napa Valley. From the moment the grapes are harvested until final blending, each vineyard lot is kept separate. Once in the cellar, each lot is worked in a tailor-made fashion, typically beginning with a deep cold soak (cryoextraction) to best prepare the skins to give up all the phenolics and color they can during fermentation. Cold and long fermentations allow ample time to coax these elements out, and then an extended maceration helps soften harsh tannins. Then, we age the wines in French Oak barrels. The Petite Sirah adds spice and complexity, while the Merlot contributes round mouthfeel and soft tannins. Next, the Zinfandel provides a vibrant fruit core, and Petit Verdot gives structure and color to the final blend: The Fabric of the Land, Napa Valley.

TASTING NOTES

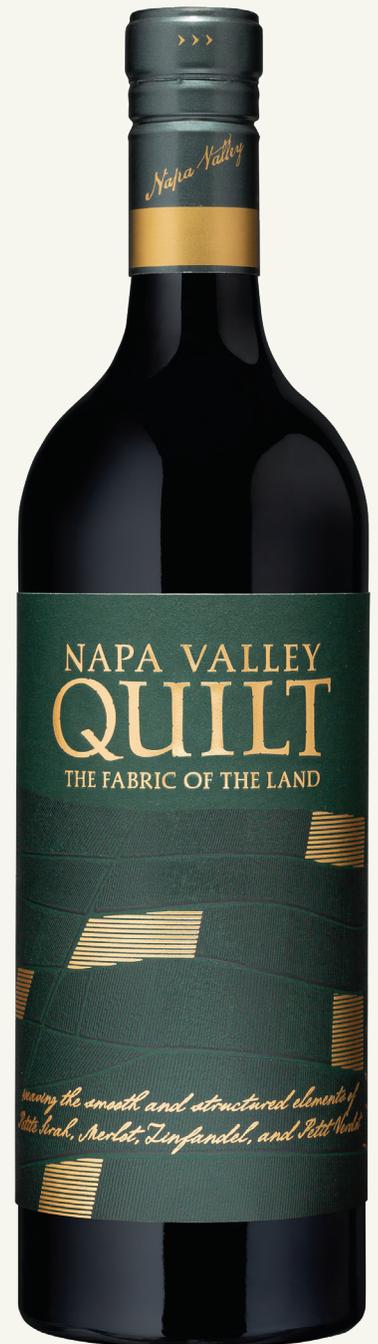
COLOR: Crimson red with plum highlights.

AROMA: Expressive aromas of blackberry, dark chocolate, and lightly toasted almonds with a hint of spices and vanilla.

PALATE: Complex flavors of ripe black cherry, cocoa, and hints of rosemary. Well balanced with a velvety mouthfeel, vibrant fruit, and soft tannins.

FOOD PAIRING

Skirt steak with chimichurri sauce, potato gnocchi with pork and wild mushroom ragu, pad thai, or a savory cheese and charcuterie board.



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