



## VENGE 2017 SILENCIEUX CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY

Our 2017 Cabernets on the whole are beautifully concentrated, powerful wines and not to be missed by the collector and enthusiast alike. We were fortunate to have all of our Cabernet lots in production prior to the fires of 2017. As such, all of our wines are 100% smoke free.

Fresh roasted coffee, sweet cassis and aromatic blue fruits lead the way to full bodied deliciousness. Much like the 2015 vintage, 2017 is dense and compact, with firm tannins that fully support the cascade of mouth coating flavors. The finish is remarkably lengthy and complex. This wine is approachable upon release and cellar worthy in proper aging conditions. Best now through 2030.

### IN THE VINEYARD

The heart and soul of this wine is its vineyard sourcing and we have stellar new locations going into this gem. The diversity of fruit sourcing that created this wine is a testament to our efforts to increase quality across the board with the production of Silencieux Cabernet Sauvignon. We benefited tremendously from doubling our employed harvest interns and state-of-the-art sorting systems that culled only the best berries for production, leaving us with “fruit caviar” as a base to produce the 2017 vintage. The result was a fruit base that was beautifully balanced and on par with the 2012 and 2015 vintages.

### IN THE CELLAR

100% gravity flow was deployed in the production of this wine. The fruit was hand picked and gently processed using our state-of-the-art Pellenc sorting and destemming system, producing what we describe as “fruit caviar.” The pristine, whole berries were moved via elevator belt into a combination of small stainless steel, concrete tank fermenters, and open-top *barriques*. Time on skins lasted 20 to 35 days. The fruit was then separated to “free run” and “light press” fractions. The finished wine was aged in 65% new, tight grained, French Oak barrels for 18 months. We employ a variety of cooperages for Bordeaux varieties including Boutes, Sylvain, Taransaud, Gamba and Alain Foquet. 100% native, spontaneous yeast and malolactic fermentations were also key ingredients in the making of this wine. The gentle use of gravity flow winemaking, whenever possible, is carefully exercised throughout the making of this and every Venge wine. Bottled unfiltered.

1,780 CASES PRODUCED

96% Cabernet Sauvignon

4% Petit Verdot ,780 Cases Produced

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