



## 2017 TAPLIN

### ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This wine come from land held by our family for over 155 years. Harvested from a vineyard that sits on an ancient Riverbed.

COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
ORIGIN	Taplin block 1 (Single Vineyard)
HARVEST	September 14-September 29
AGING	24 months in 100% French oak barrels
RELEASE DATE	October 2021
ALCOHOL	15.3%
WINEMAKER	Julien Fayard

**VINTAGE NOTES:** The year began with abundant rainfall with a mild Spring resulting in extended flowering. The summer was uneventful with temperatures slowly rising until a series of heat spikes followed by cool weather just before harvest.

**WINEMAKERS' NOTES:** Napa Valley's 2017 vintage brought relief from the drought and marvelously round, sweet fruit due to a series of heat spikes over Labor Day weekend. Our estate fruit was already picked and fermenting in the winery when wildfires broke out on October 8, and the wine was not affected. The nose offers rich, deep notes of dried plums, crushed basil leaves, and raspberry tart. An intense core of juicy black cherry and boysenberry delivers wonderful fruit purity, complemented by intriguing notes of wild thyme, summer berry bramble, and caramelized sweet potato. The well-integrated tannins and sleek and slippery texture carry the wine through its long finish of black cherries and dried mint.