



2017 BEAR TRACK VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Bear Track Vineyard is planted in three terraced blocks on the eastern hillsides of Napa Valley, just outside of the Howell Mountain AVA. The cool climate and iron-rich, volcanic ash soils result in small, tight clusters of concentrated fruit. Ample hang time before harvest yields a Cabernet Sauvignon with intense, dark fruit flavors and integrated tannins.

HARVEST NOTES

The year began with a cold and much-needed wet winter, followed by a mild spring. April showers following budbreak resulted in hearty vine growth that only accelerated with the summer sun. The vineyards enjoyed a brief cooling period in August before a final heat spike over Labor Day weekend. The cool weather that immediately followed gave our fruit additional hang-time on the vine continuing phenolic development.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Our debut vintage from Bear Track Vineyard delivers a wine perfumed with elegant rose petal, blueberry, blackberry and black cassis notes. On the palate, the same elegant floral and fruit notes are found, in tandem with savory elements such as sage and black olive tapenade. This spectacular hillside wine is certain to age with grace over the next several years.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

HARVEST DATE

September 29, 2017

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

SKIN CONTACT

10 days

AGING

French oak barrels
(48% new, 52% once-used)

TIME

16 months

RELEASE DATE

September 2019

FIRST VINTAGE

2017