



## 2017 BEATTY RANCH

Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain, Napa Valley



### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Located atop Howell Mountain, Beatty Ranch typically gets to enjoy the warmth of the sun when summer fog lines the valley floor. While the fruit ripens easily, we must wait for mature tannins to emerge. The red, rocky soils are ideal for producing moderate-sized vines, and this vineyard is comprised of four different clones that each provide a unique flavor profile to the overall wine.

### 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

An intriguing assortment of herbal notes (ranging from watermelon rind to black olive) and dark ripe fruits like boysenberry, cherry and plum contribute to a dynamic expression of flavors in the 2017 Beatty Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine enters the palate with a vibrant acidity and purity of fruit, giving way to structured tannins and underpinnings of toasty oak.

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### APPELLATION

Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

### VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### AGING

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

### RELEASE DATE

March 2019

### HARVEST DATES

October 12, 2017

### SKIN CONTACT

13 days

### TIME

16 months

### FIRST VINTAGE

2012