



2017 DRAGONFLY VINEYARD®

Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The diminutive, four-acre Dragonfly Vineyard is located in St. Helena at the base of Spring Mountain. Old timers know this magical place as a “banana belt” microclimate, as its ideal summer temperatures allow the vines to develop their notable ripe and jammy fruit. The vines benefit from the site’s deep, gravelly loam soils and gentle southern exposure, and the vineyard is one of the first to be harvested each year.

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 2017 Dragonfly Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is filled with gorgeous aromas of raspberry, cherry and Santa Rosa plum fused with elegant floral notes of violets that immediately dance out of the glass. The palate begins with abundant juicy fruit flavors that are well-layered and silky as hints of baking spices add further richness. Providing a full-mouth feel, this wine transitions to a finish with wonderful persistence.

APPELLATION

St. Helena, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

March 2019

HARVEST DATE

September 24, 2017

SKIN CONTACT

14 days

TIME

17 months

FIRST VINTAGE

1997