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# 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon



Cabernet Sauvignon 100%  
Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 169  
Bordeaux, France

Alcohol 14.5%  
Residual Sugar 0.4 g/L  
Total Acidity 6.38 g/L  
pH 3.73  
Brix 31  
Cases Produced 209  
Released 2021  
SKU 144686

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## Flavour Profile

Our flagship Cabernet Sauvignon shows intense aromas of dark fruit berries, plums, with leather and spice on the nose. The palate is rich and full bodied with flavours of cocoa, fresh blueberry and blackberry, and the finish has hints of coffee. A well-balanced structure delivers a full-bodied Similkameen wine with a graceful long finish.

## Growing Conditions

The 2017 growing season in the Similkameen Valley was far from normal, but the end result was well worth waiting for. Spring came late and cool, slowing fruit development but the ensuing summer warmth compensated for it. A near record drought in late July and August reduced crop size and resulted in improved grape quality. Fall ripening went well and on schedule. For the 2017 growing season, the total heat to the vines at Vanessa was 1,757 Growing Degree Days which was above any of the vineyards measured in the neighbouring Okanagan. This produced rich, ripe, generous red wines. Ripening continued at a medium speed allowing the fruit flavours to fully develop.

## Winemaking

Crafted from 100% estate grown and hand-picked fruit. The grapes were destemmed and underwent a gentle crush before small batch fermentation and hand punch down to maximize flavour and extraction. This cuvée is comprised almost entirely of free run juice with only a small quantity of lightly pressed juice to balance the tannins. Barrel aged for 20 months in American and French oak with additional time to rest in the bottle before release. This rare combination of concentration, intensity and balance might not be evident in every vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon; therefore, our Cabernet Sauvignon will only be produced in superior years. Only 8 barrels produced.