

Orin Swift Cellars

2017 MERCURY HEAD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

DEEPLY EXTRACTED; BLUEBERRY, SMOKE, BRAMBLY, WILD, PLUMMY, ALCOHOL EVIDENT, CHOCOLATE, BIG, A BIT BOOZY AND CLUMSY, NEW WORLD FOR SURE, CEDAR, BAKING SPICE, LIQUEURED, A BIT MORE MELLOW BUT BIG WINE

WINEMAKER NOTES

DEEP GARNET-PURPLE COLORED, THE 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERCURY HEAD (AGED FOR 15 MONTHS IN OAK, 51% NEW) DELIVERS CLASSIC NOTES OF WARM CASSIS, PLUM PRESERVES AND MULBERRIES WITH HINTS OF CIGAR BOX, DRIED BAY LEAVES, PENCIL LEAD AND TRUFFLES. THE FULL-BODIED, DENSELY PACKED, FULL-THROTTLE PALATE HAS A SOLID STRUCTURE OF FIRM TANNINS AND OODLES FOR FRESHNESS SUPPORTING THE MUSCULAR BLACK FRUITS, FINISHING LONG AND SAVORY.

WINE SPECTATOR- ALLURING, FEATURING BLACKBERRY, BLUEBERRY AND AÇAÍ BERRY AROMAS AND FLAVORS, LACED WITH GRAPHITE AND VIOLET NOTES AND BACKED BY A HINT OF LAVENDER. VERY EXPRESSIVE, SHOWING LOVELY RANGE, AS WELL AS THE STUFFING AND STRUCTURE TO CELLAR. APPROACHABLE, BUT A LITTLE TIME IS WARRANTED. BEST FROM 2021 THROUGH 2030.

PRODUCTION NOTES

PRODUCER NOTES: "THE WINE IS INTRODUCED WITH RICH PRIMARY AROMATICS OF CASSIS, BLUEBERRY AND BLACK CHERRY, COMPLEMENTED WITH HINTS OF LAVENDER, CHAPARRAL AND SANDALWOOD. THE ENTRY IS BRAWNY WITH RIPE BLACKBERRY AND BOYSENBERRY THAT TRANSITIONS TO A NUANCED MID-PALATE OF DARK TOFFEE AND ESPRESSO BEAN. INTEGRATED TANNINS THAT WILL SOFTEN OVER TIME LEAD A FINISH OF SOFT RHUBARB AND LICORICE."

