

SILVER OAK

2017 ALEXANDER VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

The inaugural vintage from our LEED Platinum and Living Building-certified Silver Oak winery is ruby in color with a purple rim. Warm and inviting, it has notes of red currant, cassis, ripe plum, cardamom and toffee. There's depth and weight on the palate—a harmonious intensity. This wine has a long and beautiful finish, and its fine tannins will provide drinking pleasure through 2043 with proper cellaring.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Mother Nature made a memorable impression on the 2017 vintage. In January, we welcomed epic winter rains that brought an end to the enduring five-year drought. The generous precipitation filled our water tables and woke up the vines. After an average bud break, prolific shoot and vegetation growth early in the season required close observation and much weed control and leafing to open the dense canopies. Bloom proceeded at a steady pace and set us up for a healthy crop size. In June and July, three extended heat events tested our vineyard team and culminated with high temperatures around Labor Day. While the hot weather kick-started harvest on September 4, our irrigation management and cooler, foggy mornings allowed the vines to recover and resume their trajectory towards full aromatic and physiological ripeness. We were happy to see sugars and acids at normal levels. The pace of harvest was steady, and we had thankfully finished picking before the wildfires started on the night of October 8. While 2017 certainly presented its share of challenges, it was also the jubilant, inaugural vintage for our new, state-of-the-art facility we had been planning, designing and building since we purchased the Alexander Valley property in 2012.

COMPOSITION

95.5% Cabernet Sauvignon
3.6% Merlot
0.5% Cabernet Franc
0.3% Petit Verdot
0.1% Malbec

ALCOHOL

14.2%

RELEASE DAY

August 7, 2021

BOTTLE SIZES

750ml
1.5L Magnum
3L Double Magnum
6L Imperial

