



2017

## Cabernet Sauvignon

RUTHERFORD

NAPA VALLEY

### TASTING NOTES

Deep red color. On the nose there are fruit aromas of cherry with a touch of bacon. Soft-entry to an elegant, medium-weight wine with flavors of black cherry, blackberry, and red raspberries. Also, hints of oregano, bay leaf, and dried herbs. A well-balanced wine with lush mouthfeel, polished tannins and a finish that goes on and on!

### BLEND

97% Cabernet Sauvignon  
(Rutherford)  
3% Cabernet Franc

### WINEMAKING NOTES

This Rutherford vineyard is known for producing wines with elegant and silky fruit rather than powerful, blockbuster flavors. The 2017 vintage displays sweet blackberry and blackcurrent fruit intertwined with a dusty soil note, which some refer to as “Rutherford Dust.” Cabernet Franc was added for its floral elements. The wine aged for 23 months in French Oak barrels, 66% new (Ana Selection, Vicard). The blending took place in July 2019.

### BOTTLING

Date: July 30, 2019  
Alcohol: 14.7%  
pH 3.61, Total Acidity 5.9g/L

Released: May, 2021

### VINEYARD NOTES

2017 is the sixth year Greyscale Wines produced a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. We used fruit from a famed vineyard in Rutherford, located between Conn Creek Road and the Silverado Trail. The parcel was first planted in 1895 by Mrs. Thomas Rutherford and, over the years, has provided grapes for many prominent Napa Valley Cabernets. The vines are over 25 years old. The root stock is grafted with Clone 4 grapes that have a strong flavor intensity with very good color, aromas, and palette balance.

The vineyard’s proximity to Conn Creek and the well-draining soils of the old creek bed combine with spectacular, western exposure to produce wines of richness and pedigree. It is also known for distinctive terroir characteristics of dusty, loamy soil notes.

### CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Rutherford AVA*

Harvest Date: 9/14/2017

Brix: 28.5, TA: 4.4

pH: 3.82



### ABOUT GREYSCALE WINES

“Making wine is living a dream. Growing up with a family vineyard, avidly collecting wines for years, wine tasting in Bordeaux, and developing a curiosity about winemaking inspired us to create our own wine. Our goal is to produce small-lots of premium Napa Valley wines from the most prestigious vineyards in the valley”.

*Jean & Larry Rowe*  
Proprietors

### ABOUT THE WINEMAKER KIAN TAVAKOLI

With over 25 years of winemaking, operations and viticultural experience, Kian brings a stellar combination of sensory and production skills to Greyscale Wines. Having graduated with a degree in enology from UC Davis in 1992, Kian spent 4 years in the lab at Opus One before he became winemaker at Clos Du Val and later ran their red wine program including the highly acclaimed reserve bottlings. Kian’s passion for Bordeaux style wines is the perfect complement to our Greyscale family wine philosophy. We are pleased that he has been our only winemaker since we started in 2008.



*“Wine is neither black nor white. It’s always shades of grey”*

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