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## 2017 BARBERA

### ALEXANDER VALLEY

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Our historic, proprietary Barbera clones benefit from the warm, dry days in northern Alexander Valley, where the grape's classic acidity creates a wine with vibrant aromas and a velvety texture. This wine is 100% Barbera from our Estate Home Ranch in Alexander Valley.

#### VINEYARDS

The grapes for the 2017 Barbera come from our Estate Home Ranch in Alexander Valley. Long, warm days aided by the absence of marine influence marks this site. The soils are composed of clay and clay loam with underlying layers of basalt, sandstone and serpentine rock. Vines are challenged by the low nutrient level of the clay and the shallow topsoil, which both force them to produce more concentrated fruit.

#### VINTAGE

The 2017 winter saw roughly double the average rainfall totals, ending a five-year extended drought condition in the region. This led to abundant vegetative growth in the spring as soils were saturated well through bloom. Extreme heat beginning in April provided hints at what would become another record-breaking year of temperatures throughout the growing season. Harvest kicked off August 31 with ten consecutive days over 100°F. This was followed by a significant cooling trend which allowed for added hang time, leading to increased flavor development.

#### WINEMAKING

The grapes were picked and sorted by hand before being transferred to open top fermentors without pumping. The fermenting grapes were punched down by pneumatic assist punchdown device for 9 days and drained to barrel to complete malolactic fermentation.



#### SIP & SAVOR

Effusive with notes of cinnamon and macerated strawberries with a touch of baked pie crust and the fragrance of sweet peas. On the palate, the wine blooms with notes of raspberries and spice, vibrant acidity and a bright juicy finish lengthened by a dusting of light tannins. Pair with pizza, roast herbed lamb, and roasted root vegetables.

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Barbera

#### HARVEST

September 19-29, 2017

#### AGING

Aged 11 months in 15% new French oak with the remainder in neutral French and American oak.

#### ALCOHOL

14.6%

#### PRODUCTION

1,350 cases

#### RELEASE DATE

February 2020

#### PEAK ENJOYMENT

Now-2 years

#### PRICE

\$40

