

Lail Vineyards



BLUEPRINT CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINTAGE 2017, NAPA VALLEY

ACCOLADES

97 Points

“Made by Philippe Melka and his team, this is a grippy, earthy wine, vibrant in blue fruit, plum and sage. Round, lush and opulent on the palate, it glides seamlessly across supple, integrated tannin and oak, effortlessly incorporating 11% Merlot and 6% Petit Verdot. The vineyard sources range from the producer’s Mole Hill Estate on Howell Mountain to the cooler reaches of Coombsville.”

—*Virginie Boone, Wine Enthusiast Magazine*

93 Points

“A blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, and 6% Petit Verdot from a multitude of vineyards, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Blueprint reveals a saturated purple color as well as classic notes of blackcurrants, tobacco, damp earth, chocolate, and hints of new leather. Beautifully balanced, medium to full-bodied, ripe, and textured, it’s a smoking good, affordable effort well worth seeking out. It will evolve for 10-15 years or more.”

—*Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com*

92 Points

“A rich, juicy red with lots of blackberry, blueberry and tar character. Medium to full body, velvety tannins and a delicious finish. Some graphite at the end. Mostly cabernet sauvignon but 11% merlot (rare) and 6% petit verdot. Really enjoyable now.”

—*James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com*

90 Points

“The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Blueprint is a rich, boisterous wine that will drink well with minimal cellaring. Black cherry, dark red plum, chocolate, new leather, spice and espresso give the 2017 its flamboyant, heady personality.”

—*Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media*

PARTNERS | Robin Daniel Lail, Erin Lail, Shannon Lail

VARIETAL | 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot

VINEYARDS | Calistoga
Coombsville
Oakville
Rutherford
Stags Leap District
St. Helena
Yountville

BARREL REGIMEN | 18 months in French oak barrels, 45% new

WINEMAKER | Philippe Melka

PRODUCTION | 2265 cases

WINEMAKER NOTES

“Blueprint Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 is deep ruby with purple edges in color, with exotic aromas of ripe red plum, bittersweet chocolate, black cherry and loganberry. Spicy flavors of olallieberry, blackberry, and boysenberry add further intrigue and complexity. Its texture is round, lush, creamy, and perfectly balanced.”

—*Philippe Melka, winemaker*