

2017 EISELE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEGROWING INFORMATION

The winter of 2017 brought an end to a drought that had persisted for five years. However, fewer storms in the second half of the rainy season resulted in a normal bud break. Canopy growth was impressive as the vines utilized the available water and moderate April temperatures. A mild Spring saw the latest bloom since 2012. Vigor was slowed down with a first heat wave in June, which also resulted in reduced berry size across the ranch. The ensuing summer was warmer than usual, and veraison started slowly at the beginning of August. The maturation of the fruit followed the intense rhythm of Summer heat in a 'stop and go' pattern, resulting in fruit with great concentration and freshness. Precise sorting was employed in the cellar, so that only berries in perfect condition would reach the vats. The small berries along with uncompromising selection meant yields were reduced by 35% compared to 2016.

The fruit was picked between September 21st and October 6th.

The Eisele Vineyard grapes are certified 'Organic' by CCOF and 'Biodynamic' by Demeter.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Eisele Cabernet is an iron fist in a velvet glove. Very small berries were the signature of the 2017 vintage. It displays a deep dark garnet robe suggesting a great core of rich, spicy fruit. The nose opens on intense floral notes of violet and fresh blue fruit typical of the Eisele Vineyard terroir, with a subtle scent of roasted meat jus. With time it delivers ripe Moreau cherries and blond tobacco leaves. The mouthfeel is fresh, precise and deliciously savory, showing great concentration. The tannins are very fine and tightly knit with a coconut powder feel accompanied by Darjeeling tea notes. Layers of dark fruits linger in the long finish. Great aging potential.

GRAPE SOURCE

Eisele Vineyard parcels bordering Simmons Creek

Vine Age: 25 years on average

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Ageing: 20 months in 100% new French oak

Bottling date: July 16-17, 2019

1,284 cases made

Release date: June 3, 2020