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2017 STUDY IN BLUE RED WINE, NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

Abundant winter rains refreshed groundwater supplies and led to a cool, mild spring in 2017; an unusual hailstorm in June had little effect on the crop. The summer brought warmer temperatures, leading to 90% of the valley's harvest before the wine country wildfires started on October 8. The vintage is being described as opulent, velvety, concentrated, dense and possessing layers and depth.

Vineyards

Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit. The Truchard Vineyard was the primary source for grapes used in this blend, with vineyard sites extending into the lower hillsides of the Mayacamas mountain range.

Vinification

The grapes were hand picked at optimum ripeness. Following destemming, the grapes were stainless steel-fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 23 months (75% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Dark plum, brioche, cocoa, allspice, and a hint of lavender weave together on the nose. Rich, mouth-coating tannins on the palate with flavors of juicy blackberries lingering on the finish.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	69% Cabernet Franc 28% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Merlot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.8%
TA	0.63 g/100ml
pH	3.58
Oak Aging	23 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 75% new
Bottling Date	December 9, 2019
Production	454 cases