

# 2017 J&S Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon



**pH:** 3.5

**Titrateable Acidity:** 7.3 g/L

**Alcohol:** 13.2%

**Harvest Parameters:** October 15, 2017 at 23.2 Brix, 3.65 pH, and 4.3 g/L of titrateable acidity.

**Blend:** 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, J&S Vineyards, block 3. 5% Petit Verdot, Minnick Hills. 50% new oak. Clone 191 Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Cases produced:** 201

**Release Date:** October 22, 2020

**Winemaker's Notes:** In 2017, our Cabernet vineyard threw us a curveball, and it did not come in as ripe as we typically like it to be. Cranberry, red currant, raspberry, and graphite join the variety's typical slight herbaceousness to enhance the nose. On the palate, this wine is more fruity than the nose suggests it may be, and it finished with bright acidity and firm tannins. Still young, this wine will age beautifully for many years. Drink now through 2035.

**Winemaking:** At harvest, the grapes were ready to be picked in mid-October. The grapes were destemmed with the use of enzymes for settling and juice extraction and an ascorbic acid and SO<sub>2</sub> blend to control oxygen contact. The wine was fermented with D254 and CSM yeast in an open top fermenter and peaked at 87 degrees. The wine was coinnoculated for ML and fermented to dryness and pressed off the skins to tank. A day later, the wine was moved to barrels to complete ML. Total time: 11 days in fermentation. After secondary fermentation was complete, SO<sub>2</sub> was added. The wine was racked off the lees after nine months and was racked only three times. The wine was crossflow filtered before bottling and went to bottle on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 50% new oak.

**Awards:** 93 pts - James Suckling

90 pts - Washington Wine Blog

90 pts - Wine Enthusiast (Sean Sullivan)

88 pts - Wine Advocate (Anthony Mueller)

18.5/20 pts - Rand Sealey, January 2020

Double Gold - 2021 Bellingham Wine Competition

Silver - 2020 San Francisco International Wine Competition

Silver - SavorNW Wine Competition

Silver - 2021 Seattle Wine Awards

Silver - 2021 Cascadia Wine Competition

Bronze - 2020 Seattle Wine Awards