

TERRA
VALENTINE



2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

Vineyard

- Properties: Wurtele, Bales Creek, Gantner
- Appellation: Spring Mountain District
- Clonal Selections: 7,4,337,169,341
- Yields: 1.5-2 tons

Growing Season

- The year began with abundant rainfall. Spring weather was mild, resulting in extended flowering in some areas with little shatter. Vines were vigorous thanks to the winter rains. A freak hail storm passed through quickly in June causing isolated damage. Three heat events, including one over Labor Day weekend, kicked harvest into high gear, dehydrating some grapes by early September. Cool weather arrived immediately afterward, allowing sugar levels to return to normal. Most late-ripening red grapes continued to hang on the vine and were picked over the next few weeks.
- Harvest Date: September 20th to October 15th
- Harvest Brix: 26.4

Winemaking

- Hand harvested, picked at night
- Gently de-stemmed and whole berries transferred to stainless steel
- Cold Soaked for 48 Hours
- Inoculated with D254, D80 and D21 yeast and fermented for 18 days on skins
- Free run juice drained from tank, settled for 24 hours, then racked to barrel
- Aged 18 months in French Oak barrels, 40% new
- Coopers—Nadalie, Orion and Ermitage, Gamba, Trueil
- Composition—95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petite Sirah

Tasting Notes

- Black currant, crème de cassis, black licorice and purple plum aromas with a touch of tar, pepperwood, and leather layered with caramel, baking spices, and cocoa. The brambly wild berry fruit on the palate is structured and compact on the forward palate and leads into layers of complex spices and dried sage. The earthly black fruit is mingled with cocoa powder on the finish. Drink now with decanting. Will benefit from 5-10 years in the cellar.

Cases Produced

- 800 cases

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