

2017 ESTATE CABERNET FRANC
 HIRONDELLE VINEYARD
 STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY



<p>APPELLATION: VINEYARD: COMPOSITION: FERMENTATION: AGING: ACID: pH: ALCOHOL: HARVESTED: BOTTLED:</p>	<p>Stags Leap District, Napa Valley Hironnelle Estate 90% Cabernet Franc, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon Stainless steel tanks with 2-3 daily pump overs 20 months in 90% New French Oak 6.7 g/L 3.5 14.7% September 20 - October 3, 2017 May 15, 2019</p>
<p>WINEMAKER'S INSIGHT</p>	<p>Grown in our prized Hironnelle Vineyard, this classic Cabernet Franc opens with aromas of wet stone, menthol and graphite. Rich flavors of black cherry and cinnamon lead to plush tannins and a long, smooth finish.</p>
<p>HARVEST</p>	<p>The 2017 harvest was the first in the area following a 5 year drought. The soils and water table had been replenished and the vines took off early in the season and weather patterns were about normal until late August. In early September heat spikes hit the valley and set record or near record temperatures. This caused some vineyards to progress rapidly and show signs of hydration. With plenty of water available most vineyards were heavily irrigated and the temperatures cooled in mid-September to more normal levels. The quantity of grapes was quite low but quality looks to be excellent. A huge wildfire at the end of harvest threatened vines that still had fruit but luckily the vast majority of grapes were already safely in the winery for the year.</p>
<p>HISTORY</p>	<p>Clos Du Val, French for “small vineyard estate of a small valley,” was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District. The winery was first recognized for its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley’s most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos Du Val farms 350 acres of estate vineyards in the Stags Leap District, Carneros and Yountville appellations and continues to craft wines of balance and</p>