



## **2017 Two Moon Vineyard Dry Creek Valley Cabernet Sauvignon**

Julie Simpson's remote "Two Moon Vineyard," while within the Dry Creek appellation, is located on a steep slope that sprawls across the McCray Ridge 1,800 feet high. This vineyard is especially appealing because of its razor thin soils and high altitude. So high in fact, it is situated above the fog line and begins each day in sunlight, rather than clouds or fog.

Our 2017 is one of our favorites that we have ever produced from this vineyard due to a series of heat spikes at the end of the growing season that quickly pushed the Cabernet grapes to perfect ripeness. Deep purple colored, the 2017 vintage has gorgeous fruit notes of cassis, dark cherry and boysenberry over earthy notes of grilled herbs and charred oak, plus a hint of graphite. The full-bodied palate is rich and expressive, yet still fresh and inviting leading through a supple mid-palate that finishes very, very long with some savory notes of dried spice. This is one of those wines that is so tasty in every way that it sets your heart racing. Buy a case of this and check back in every 2 years for an incredible drinking experience over the next 25 years!

After harvest the grapes went through a two-day cold soak to gain optimum flavor and color extraction; gentle cap punch downs and pump overs during fermentation completed maximum extraction and imparted the pure Cabernet "essence" these grapes always have. When the wine achieved dryness, the must was gently pressed and put into barrel to go through malo-lactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 18 months (33% new American Oak, 67% mix of 3 years old French and American Oak) prior to bottling. **153 cases**

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