

Ramey

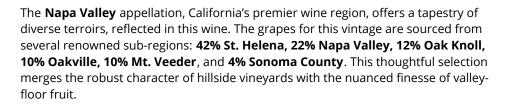
Ramey Cabernet Sauvignon is a masterful Napa Valley blend, combining the elegance of traditional Bordelaise techniques with the richness of California's sunshine, creating a wine of exceptional depth and complexity.



Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

California, USA

Region and Vineyards



Napa Valley's soils are a complex mix of **decomposed rock**, **silt**, **clay**, and **gravel**, carried down from the eastern **Vaca Range** and the western **Mayacamas Range**. This diversity, paired with the temperate Mediterranean climate, ensures optimal conditions for growing Cabernet Sauvignon and its blending companions.



The **2017 vintage** began with a wet winter, followed by a mild summer. A significant heatwave around Labor Day accelerated early ripening, though steady warmth afterward allowed the remaining fruit to mature to perfection. Harvest took place between **September 6 and October 6**, achieving an average **Brix of 25.0°**.

This wine is composed of **80% Cabernet Sauvignon**, **10% Merlot**, **7% Petit Verdot**, and **3% Cabernet Franc**. Fermentation occurred with **native yeasts** and included malolactic fermentation. The wine aged for **30 months** sur lies in **60% new French oak barrels** (from Taransaud and Demptos cooperages), with **bi-monthly bâtonnage** to integrate tannins and wood seamlessly. Bottled unfiltered, this meticulous process enhances the wine's depth and richness.



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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby with garnet highlights, reflecting concentration and aging potential.
- Aromas: Intense notes of blackcurrant, ripe plum, and blueberry, complemented by layers of cedar, vanilla, and a touch of graphite.
- Palate: Full-bodied and structured, with velvety tannins supporting flavors of dark berries, chocolate, and spiced oak. The finish is long and complex, revealing subtle hints of dried herbs and a mineral undertone.

Did you know?

This is the **13th vintage** of Ramey's Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, which exemplifies the winery's commitment to blending hillside and valley-floor vineyards. The wine combines traditional Bordeaux-inspired winemaking with California's bold fruit expression.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye with herb butter**: Enhances the wine's structure and depth.
- Braised short ribs with rosemary and garlic: Complements its rich, savory notes
- Wild mushroom risotto: Matches its earthy and spiced complexity.
- Aged Gouda cheese: Balances the tannins and highlights the wine's creamy texture.



Robert Parker (RP): 95 Points (2017)

The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon is blended with 10% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc. It has a deep ruby color and fragrance of Morello cherries, chocolate, mushrooms, savory herbs and pipe tobacco. The full-bodied palate is powdery and plush with soft, alluring streaks of herbal character and a long, layered finish. It could still use a few years in bottle.



Wine Enthusiast (WE): 95 Points (2017)

This is a great appellation wine blended with small amounts of Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. Cedar, char and celery salt accent tight, refined tannins that grip the palate with intense flavor and texture. Black currant, crushed rock and a hint of toasted oak also contribute. Cellar Selection



