



## 2017 ANDRONICUS NAPA VALLEY

### NAPA VALLEY “BORDEAUX” BLEND

Winemaking can be magic when the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. That’s why we created Andronicus, a perfect blend of the five Bordeaux varietals that together form a dynamic wine and remarkable value. Young vine fruit from our Estate varietals form the backbone of this vivacious wine. Bright, crisp, Merlot from the hills south of Napa add herbed cherry fruit note and silky texture, red currant spiced Malbec from Atlas Peak provides aromatic lift, and the Petite Verdot from the eastern foothills gives the wine a dark spice in the finish. It’s an ideal Napa Valley blend for both the wine connoisseur and novice alike.



**APPELLATION:** Napa Valley | **WINEMAKER:** Stephen Cruzan  
**BOTTLED:** August 2019 | **BARREL AGING:** 22 months in barrel

#### BLEND:

56% Cabernet Sauvignon  
18% Cabernet Franc  
10% Malbec  
10% Petite Sirah  
6% Petit Verdot

**ALCOHOL:** 15.1% **ACIDITY:** 5.9 g/L **pH:** 3.83

### VINTAGE

- Despite record rainfalls during the Winter the rain stopped early and budbreak began on time with a full water table and sunny skies through the majority of April.
- May and June brought even weather with good recovery periods after typical heat spells. This led to even flowering and fruit set with a balanced crop hanging on the vines.
- After veraison the region was hit with hotter than normal temperatures during Labor Day Weekend. Judicious fruit dropping after the heat led to a smaller than average crop that ripened evenly and quickly. Harvest for red varietals commenced in the second week of September through early October.

### WINE PROFILE

The 2017 Andronicus is a vivacious wine that shows off the spirit of the classic “Bordeaux Blend.” The wine exhibits aromas of red currant, spice, sage and vanilla custard. Rich with Cabernet Sauvignon the 2017 blend brings out a deep and characteristic mouthfeel. It shows flavors of plum, brandied cherries, fig and Asian five spice while the finish is rounded out with hints of coco power and mocha. The tannins are smooth and round while the acidity keeps the wine bright on the palate making this blend of mostly Bordeaux varieties delicious on release. Enjoy now through 2025.