



# 2017 ARMÉ

## ESTATE GROWN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### BLEND

*86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 4% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot*

### AGING

*20 months in neutral barrels*

### ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

*14.7%*

### PRODUCTION

*5,400 cases*

### RELEASE DATE

*Spring 2020*

### SUGGESTED DRINKING WINDOW

*Drink now or age up to fifteen years*

### HARVEST NOTES

After two late years in a row, 2017 progressed smoothly with perfectly timed budbreak and fruit set. Then life reminded us how unpredictable things can be. The 2017 Tubbs Fire ripped through Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, and Lake Counties in October and promptly moved everyone's focus from grapes and wine to life and death. Five of the most destructive fires ever in California ravaged the landscape and the community is still recovering. The loss of homes, businesses, and life was astounding. Luckily the impact on the wine industry was minimal with the majority of the North Coast's grapes having been harvested prior to the fires. At Marietta we feel blessed to not have had any property or personal losses to the business or any of our employees. The resultant 2017 wines are fresh, pure, and powerful and we are enjoying them with a renewed sense of gratitude.

### WINE NOTES

The Estate Cabernet Sauvignon comes from our vineyards in Alexander Valley and McDowell Valley. The 2017 year was early and relatively small, so we brought in our Bordeaux varietals earlier than usual, luckily missing the devastating October fires. Harvested in late September and early October and fermented for three weeks at temperatures in the 70s, these grapes yielded deep, intense wine that conveys a taut freshness with great aromatic purity. Balanced between modern California and Old World, this wine is dense with buckets of black currant and cherry that are tempered with a dusty herbaceous quality.

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## FAMILY SERIES

Our history of family winemaking goes back four generations in Sonoma County. At current count, there have been seven different winemakers in the family. Each has had their own focus and style. The unifying elements have been family, hard work, passion, and a love of the creative process that is winemaking. Our Family Series consists of a Zinfandel, a Cabernet Sauvignon, and a Rhône-style red wine. All three are carefully crafted from Estate Grown grapes from our properties in Northern Sonoma County, the McDowell and Hopland Valleys, and the Yorkville Highlands.

## PRAISE FOR 2016 ARMÉ

# 93 points

*The 2016 Armé is another superb wine in the middle tier of the Marietta range. Fresh, savory and super-expressive, the Armé has a lot going on. Black cherry, sage, lavender, menthol and licorice give the wine striking savory nuance to play off the dark Cabernet Sauvignon fruit. More than anything else, though, the Armé is a superb value in California Cabernet.*

— Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*,  
Spring 2019