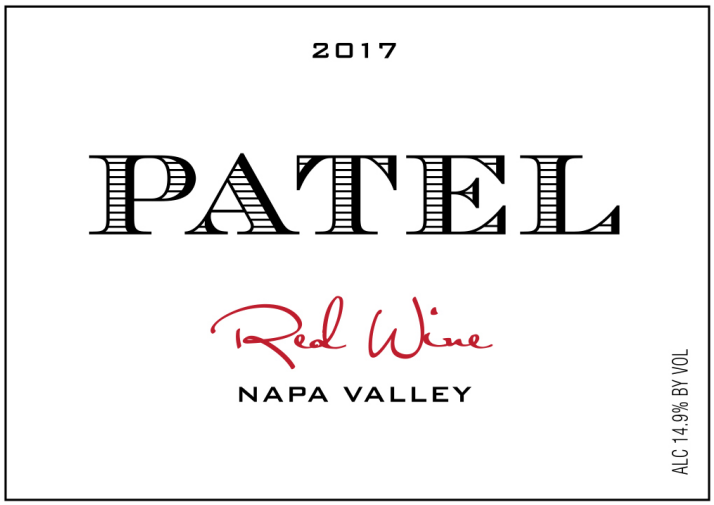
PATEL

NAPA VALLEY



Vintage: 2017

Varietal: 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Napa Valley

Aging: 18 months in 100% new French oak

Production: 225 cases

Release date: Spring 2020

The 2017 Red Wine is mostly Merlot from Coombsville, with a bit of Cabernet Sauvignon, all picked before the fires. It is also the only red wine Patel bottled in 2017. This spent 18 months in French oak, 60% of which was new. Ripe red cherry and plum fruit give the 2017 plenty of juiciness, with hints of cinnamon, wild flowers, cedar and tobacco that develop in the glass.

Vinification:
Arriving in small picking lugs from the vineyards, the clusters were hand sorted, de-stemmed and hand sorted again, berry by berry. A two-day cold soak was followed by primary fermentation in small, open-top stainless-steel tanks. Following an extended maceration, the fruit was gently pressed and the wine moved to barrel for secondary fermentation. The wine aged for 19 months in rare 100% new French artisan oak barrels with minimal racking. Multiple blending trials determined the final blend, which we bottled unfined and unfiltered.