

# ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS



Limited production wines that focus on some of the *best and unique* lots of wine harvested each year. Winemaker Kevin Hall creates wines showcasing unique varietals, techniques or vineyard sites. Each hand crafted wine is small production, uniquely different and one of a kind.  
*750ml 6 bottle case Allocated*

## The 2017 Series: Cabernet Sauvignon

Hank Wetzel produced AVV's first wines in 1975 and the wine world quickly took notice of the elegant Cabernet Sauvignons from Alexander Valley. Thirty years later in 2004 he decided to focus on the flavor profile that made the valley famous, releasing a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon known as Alexander School Reserve. We continue that tradition with this newest release, a testament to AVV Winemaker Kevin Hall's skill and the Alexander Valley's unique ability to grow amazing Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

We harvested the fruit for this vintage from a single block on the western side of the Russian River. The small hillside vineyard with gravelly loam soil is planted to Clone 337. The vines produce small berries with intense color, rich flavors and incredible concentration. At harvest this lot impressed Winemaker Kevin Hall with great color and big flavors.

2017 was a vintage of contrasts. Our ample rainfall in January and February allayed any talk of drought, but winter rains were followed by a warm spring and many heat spikes throughout the summer until we began harvest. We harvested the single lot for this wine on September 19. After harvest this lot was de-stemmed, fermented, then aged in 75% new French oak barrels for 28 months.

Aromas of Black cherry, cassis, plum, oak, and a touch of chocolate fill the glass. This is a rich wine with flavors of blackberry, black cherry, boysenberry, dark plum vanilla and chocolate. It is silky, smooth wine, yet concentrated with loads of structure and a long finish.



**Food Pairing:** Beef, lamb and duck are always a perfect pairing.

**Accolades:** 2017: 98 points, Dbl Gold Medal & Best of Class - *Sunset Intl Wine Competition*  
2017: 92 points & Gold Medal - *Beverage Testing Institute*  
2017: Gold Medal - *San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Intl Wine Competition*

**Profile:**

- Rich concentrated with silky tannins
- Dark fruits and a chocolate note

### About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

Harry and Maggie Wetzel purchased 600 acres of Cyrus Alexander's 1840's homestead in 1962. They started planting grapes in 1963 and from the beginning they realized that the property that stretched from the banks of the Russian River to the hillsides of the Mayacamas Mountains was a very special place. The Wetzel Family Estate has a rich diversity of soil types, elevations, exposures and microclimates giving AVV winemaker Kevin Hall grapes that showcase the terroir and the special place that we call home, Alexander Valley.

### Technical Data:

**Grapes:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Harvest Dates:** September 19, 2017

**Barrel regimen:** 28 months aging in French Oak barrels medium plus toast with toasted heads, 75% new

**Alcohol:** 14.0% **pH:** 3.67 **TA:** 6.5 g/L

**Cases:** 1050 cases **Closure:** Cork **Case pack:** 6 bottles

**UPC:** 0-85798 10006-4 **SRP:** \$50



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