

# CAMi

2017  
Estate Grown  
Red Wine  
Napa Valley



## THE INSPIRATION

Dedicated to the life and work of Laurie's late husband, Tom Shelton. Tom was a steward of the Napa Valley and all of its components, be it the land, the water, the appellations, and especially the relationship wine creates for friends and family.

## THE VINEYARD

Located in front and around the "Trail House", as it is lovingly called by family and friends, CAMi Vineyards consists of two acres of Estate vineyards growing one half mile south of Larkmead Lane off the west side of the Silverado Trail. Purchased in 1999, CAMi Vineyards borders Selby Creek and Larkmead Vineyards to the West. This valley floor fruit grows the Three Palms Clone Merlot planted in 1996 on St. George root stock and 337 Clone Cabernet Sauvignon planted in 2006. The CAMi Merlot is black and full-bodied, while the CAMi Cabernet Sauvignon contributes a long, silky finish. Together, these vineyards deliver a complex and exciting wine.

## VINTAGE NOTES

2017 marks the fifth vintage of CAMi Vineyards. We continue to produce wines that express great complexity and elegance. The growing year began with abundant rainfall, followed by a mild spring resulting in extended flowering with little shatter. A Labor Day weekend heatwave kicked harvest into high gear, then cool weather allowed sugar levels to return to normal. By October 8, all of the 2017 grape tonnage was in when warm, fierce winds fueled an unprecedented firestorm. As a small, hands-on winery, we had the opportunity to bring to pick the vineyard at bring in our harvest at the optimum time.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2017 Red Blend displays impressive aromatics. Notes of fresh flowers, lavender, dried herbs and cocoa powder which lead to crushed raspberries rounding out the aromatics. Sweet red fruit of raspberries follow through on the palate with layers of blueberry adding dimension. Layers of plush blue fruit and leather add complexity on the mid-palate. Ample fruit and polished tannins complete this elegant wine.

**BLEND:** 53% Merlot, 47% Cabernet Sauvignon

**AVA:** Napa Valley

**HARVEST DATE:** September 2017

**RELEASE DATE:** November 2020

**AGING:** French oak barrels (100%), unfinned and unfiltered

**ALCOHOL:** 15.5%

**PRODUCTION:** 165 cases

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