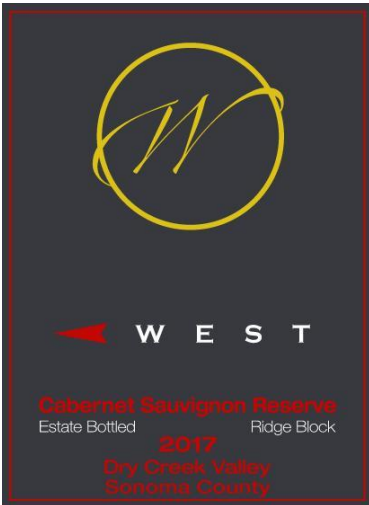


2017 WEST Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve



- 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Estate grown, West Crest vineyard
- Manually harvested October, 2017
- Aged 26 months in French oak barrels
- Released March 2024
- Alc. 14.5%
- Dry Creek Valley AVA

WEST Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2017 is a structured and complex wine with cherry aromas and hints of cloves and forest. The flavors on the palate start with cherry, ripe plum and continue with cloves, nutty spices, coffee and a hint of licorice. 2017 was a year of extremes for vineyards in California starting with record rainfalls, twice the normal amount for Sonoma County. Extreme heat waves in the summer and into the extended season made us drop many clusters in early fall. This vintage has more tannins and concentrated flavors than some of the most previous years and will age well for decades. The wine was aged for 26 months in French oak barrels and then 4 years of bottle aging in 55F.

The Cabernet Sauvignon grows on our hillside property in the north end of the valley on west and south facing slopes. High above the valley floor with its morning fog the grapes get long warm and sunny days to mature with full and complex flavors.

West Wines is a family winery in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County owned by Katarina Bonde and Bengt Akerlind. Our winemaking style is inspired by French winemaking where long aging is part of the method and we have been exporting wine to Europe since 2004. We practice sustainable farming, minimizing the use of energy and water and using solar power. Between our vine rows we grow cover crops to create nutrition for the plants but also flowers who serve as a habitat for beneficial insects for pest control.

Our winemaker is owner Katarina Bonde with consulting winemaker Phyllis Zouzounis. Katarina got her Winemakers Certificate at UC Davis and has hands on experience from crafting the portfolio of wines at West Wines. Phyllis began her winemaking career at Dry Creek Vineyards in 1980 and has been the winemaker at many prestigious wineries in Sonoma County.