



2017 Loam Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County

Production:	90 cases
Appellation:	Sonoma County
Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Soils:	Positas, Suther, Clough
Alcohol:	14.57 % by volume
Aging:	22 months in oak barrels, 100% French

Winemaker Notes

Loam embodies our pursuit of the perfect expression of a wine. Great wine originates in the vineyard, and great vineyards originate in the soil. Most world-renown viticultural regions consist of loam soils; Sonoma County is no exception. Within the loam family of soils is an array of classifications, or “series,” identified and catalogued by four distinctive features: composition, depth, slope and geographic location. Our family grows Cabernet in 23 of the distinct Loam soil types, yet I felt that only three were worthy of the “Grand Cru” distinction.

The 2017 Loam Cabernet Sauvignon is our proprietary blend of grapes sourced from vineyards planted in Positas, Suther and Clough soils. It is comprised of the best vineyards, grown in the best soil, from the best appellations. Perfectly structured, Loam balances the brightness and focused tannins of hillside fruit with the dense, rich characteristics of fruit grown in the ancient riverbed and valley floor soils. The 2017 growing season started off cold and wet. Coming off a string of drought years that accelerated each major phenological stage of the growth cycle of the grape vine, it was a relief that our new norm was not permanent. There was one singular weather event the last week of August that truly became a defining moment for vintage 2017. We had a string of unusually warm days that created Cabernets with a beautiful dark ripened fruit and incredible power. Our 2017 Loam has a distinctive candied black cherry dusted with baker’s chocolate aroma complemented by more nuanced aromas of coffee cake crumbs, mineral, and dried herbs. A very inviting entry that is both fresh and velvety. Quite approachable for such a young Cabernet but it still carries the hallmark length and finesse one would expect from our single soil series Cabernets. This beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon will age gracefully for 10+ years.