

SWITCHBACK *ridge*



Switchback Ridge 2017 Petite Sirah

Peterson Family Vineyard, Calistoga, Napa Valley

285 cases produced (750 ml)

10 cases produced (1.5 L)

100% Petite Sirah; 85% New Block / 15% Old Vine

Aged 16 months in 100% French Oak (mostly neutral)

Retail Price: \$62/bottle

Tasting Notes

This is a very full-bodied, ripe mouthful of red wine deliciousness, that despite its intensity and power, still shows off its gorgeous elegance. Blackberry aroma with just a hint of briar carry through in the ripe flavors. The mouth-coating tannin is balanced by natural acidity and the grip is focused primarily on the top of the tongue, not the sides. The finish is long and thick on the palate—it's hard to stop drinking!

2017 Vintage Notes

The 2017 growing season began with a cold and rainy winter (ending five years of drought in one season!), and was followed by a long, cool spring. This cool trend quickly shifted as summer came in hot and brought several heat waves along with it. These consistently warm days accelerated ripening and brought an earlier than average harvest. We picked our Merlot on September 4th, and wrapped up with our last block of Cabernet Sauvignon on September 27th. The hot summer and early harvest ultimately meant that we were able to pick all of our fruit and barrel down all of our wines before the valley wildfires started on October 8th. We are so fortunate to report that our family, vineyard property, and entire 2017 vintage all came out completely unscathed from that long, terrifying week of devastation and human tragedy experienced throughout our Napa and Sonoma communities. Not only were our 2017 vintage wines safe, they are absolutely beautiful wines! They possess great depth and complexity, beautiful balance, bright acidity, and a ton of silky finesse. They are a little more elegant and approachable than 2016, but still have all the richness and structure necessary to stand the test of time.

