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## 2017 WINEMAKER SERIES ALEXANDER VALLEY RED WINE RIDGELINE VINEYARD

Our Winemaker first fell in love with the wines from Alexander Valley's acclaimed Ridgeline Vineyard years ago. A dramatic, high-elevation hillside vineyard, Ridgeline is ideal both for Cabernet Sauvignon and for Tempranillo, which is why it was chosen as the source for this alluring Sonoma County Red Blend. Inspired by the iconic blends of Spain, this robust, full-bodied red combines the vivid violet and white pepper qualities of exceptional Tempranillo with the depth and richness of Cabernet Sauvignon.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Winter rains were followed by a warm, dry spring in Napa Valley that led to a perfectly timed budbreak. With lovely weather throughout summer, all of our white varieties were harvested before a week-long heat event during the last week of August, resulting in Chardonnay and Viognier with excellent acids and enticing aromas. Because the early-season rains produced healthy canopies, our red grapes developed perfectly during the heat. After a timely cooldown that provided additional hangtime, our reds were harvested in September and early October, yielding bold and robust wines with beautifully polished tannins.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

An almost 50/50 blend of Tempranillo and Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine offers lovely weight and complexity, with a graceful underlying brightness. Lifted aromas of red currant and cherry leap from the glass, followed by more subtle hints of sandalwood, vanilla and saddle leather. The palate strikes a lovely balance between refreshing acidity and mouth-filling tannins, with flavors of cranberry and black currant gliding to a silky finish.

### WINEMAKING

**APPELLATION** Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

**BLEND COMPOSITION** 100% Estate fruit

51% Tempranillo, 49% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aged 18 months in 100% French oak OAK PROFILE & AGING

50% new

13.9% **ALCOHOL** 

3.78 PH

0.59 g/100 ml **ACIDITY** 



