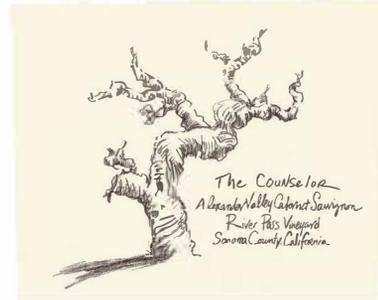


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2017 THE COUNSELOR
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
RIVER PASS VINEYARD
ALEXANDER VALLEY
SONOMA, CALIFORNIA



WINE MAKER Nick Goldschmidt

TASTING NOTE

Very dark, almost opaque violet-black color. Red cherry and red raspberry aromas segue into juicy blackberry, fig, and plum flavors. Mocha, spice, and toasty oak further round out the profile, all within an elegant, smooth, and medium-bodied framework. The fully ripe tannins will continue to soften over time creating a silky texture to the finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

It felt more like a normal year in Sonoma County. After years of drought, the water table got renewed by the long winter rains. Spring started a little cool but then quickly warmed causing bud break to come a early. A very mild summer ensued and ripening was slow and steady. We didn't get the normal high heat in July and August, which provided for longer hang times for the grapes. The clusters filled out nicely and the berries grew to normal sizes. Some unseasonably cool temperatures in mid-September put the brakes on harvest, but only temporarily, and we managed to pick everything before the early October rains. Yields were down just a bit from normal but the flavors and concentrations were fantastic!

THREE DISTINCT BLOCKS

River Pass Vineyard is composed of three distinct blocks, harvested at precisely the right moment to maximize the unique flavors and complexity of each parcel. First, Nick creates three separate wines highlighting the defining characteristics of each block: power, elegance and density. Next, he masterfully blends the three wines, delivering one extraordinary single lot, single clone Cabernet Sauvignon. An Alexander Valley classic is born.

AVA: 100% Alexander Valley

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

CLONE: 7

LAND: Hillside and Benchland, clay loam soil,

YIELD: 3.3 tons per acre, hand harvested

VINEYARD: 7 acres nestled in Passalacqua Ranch

ALC%: 14.5% pH: 3.65 T.A.: 6.2 g/L

FINING: No

AGING: 14 months in barrel

FORMATS: 750ml Bottle / 19.5L Keg

FERMENT: Small batch, eight weeks maceration on skins

BARRELS: 15% new Demptos French Oak, Central France

ABOUT THE COUNSELOR

It is the land that provides the ultimate counsel. With more than 20 years of experience in the Alexander Valley, winemaker Nick Goldschmidt takes his time, listens to the land for guidance, interprets the elements, and shares the creation. The River Pass Vineyard is located just north of Healdsburg in Sonoma County. Nick Goldschmidt has been working this site for 15 years.

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