



ALPHA OMEGA

ERA
Napa Valley
2017



ABOUT ALPHA OMEGA

Established in 2006, Alpha Omega's mission is to create artisanal wines drawing on Old World vineyard handcrafted practices and emphasis on unique terroir driven characteristics that reveal a sense of place combined with New World technology and science. The family-owned, boutique winery in the heart of Napa Valley on the Rutherford Bench is honored that its estate is considered one of the top wineries in the region.

WINEMAKER NOTES

2017 started out with record precipitation providing vines with sufficient water tables to safely get them through several heat spikes that began as early as June. Temperatures up to 110 degrees in early September prompted several winemakers to begin harvesting red varietals. Our winemaking team held steadfast and patiently waited until end of September before bringing in the first red varietals. Rewarded then with more moderate temperatures, the resulting wines express themselves as both full-bodied and greatly structured.

VINEYARD NOTES

ERA is a blend of predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from award-winning and historic vineyards throughout the Napa Valley. These vineyards offer distinct qualities and when blended create a beautifully balanced and elegant wine. Each of these vineyards is farmed to yield no more than two tons of fruit per acre with one cluster per shoot resulting in a more intense, flavorful berry. ERA is handcrafted, barrel fermented and is not fined.

ON THE NOSE

Explosion of cassis, peaches, cherries, raspberry jam, violet, lavender, vanilla beans, cotton candy

ON THE PALATE

Soft entrance evolving on a lush but full-bodied midpalate, lingering on dense but granular tannins with a touch of tulip, plum, cassis, elderberry, cherry liquor finishing with iris, pomegranate

BLEND

95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec

FERMENTATION

100% barrel fermented

AGING

22 months in French oak, 80% new, 20% 1-year-old barrels

VINEYARDS

Thomas Vineyard (Rutherford), Drew Vineyard (Mount Veeder), Sunshine Valley Vineyard (Oak Knoll District), Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard (Oakville), Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard (St. Helena), Sleeping Lady (Yountville)