



ALPHA OMEGA

Grenache & Syrah
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. The 2017 Alpha Omega Cabernet Sauvignon is a dense and very structured wine that is crafted and blended to be enjoyed for decades.

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

Rhône's two main varietals make for the perfect pair in our Grenache & Syrah Napa Valley 2017. Because of a 2017 Labor Day weekend heatwave, the already dense and concentrated Syrah, sourced from the cool climate Carneros AVA, was naturally big and fairly expressive. The lighter Grenache was more than willing to avail more of itself than in previous vintages to add just the right amount of freshness. The combination resulted in a wine with a beautiful, fruity entrance evolving on a silky mid palate that is ready to be enjoyed now or cellared.

ON THE NOSE

Explosion of strawberries with touches of cedar, violets, gingerbread, macadamia nuts, mints, rose petals, bay leaves

ON THE PALATE

Beautiful fruity entrance evolving on a silky mid palate lingering on granular, discreet tannins, touch of cherry candy, strawberry, blueberry ice cream, yellow peach, grenadine

BLEND

75% Grenache, 25% Syrah

FERMENTATION

100% stainless steel tank fermentation

AGING

14 months, 95% French oak, 5% American oak; 60% new, 40% 1-year-old barrels