



SAINT HELENA WINERY

## 2017 Sympa Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

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Winemaker Notes: *By Aaron Pott & Lindsey Wallingford*

Our flagship 2017 Sympa opens with notes of black cherry, blackberry, tobacco, and cedar on the nose. On the palate you taste the lush black cherry and blackberry, layered above notes of lavender, dried herbs, and black truffle. The wine offers dense texture with bright red and black fruit characters. Powerful and deep, it displays firm, chewy tannins on a long and savory finish. *Robert Parker Wine Advocate* rated this vintage 93 points. Drink now through 2030.

Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley

Blend: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot

Vineyard: St. Helena Winery Estate

The Estate vineyard lies on the Napa Valley floor in the St. Helena AVA. Sympa is grown on the south parcel, "Block One," on a ribbon of gravel that is an ancient river bed with deep, light soils that stress the vines into low fruit production. The See clone of Cabernet Sauvignon planted in this block is from Joseph Phelps' Backus Vineyard. The vines are cane pruned and hand-tended to yield two clusters per shoot. The parcel yields two tons per acre. Cover crops are primarily legumes. Deficit irrigation practices are used.

Winemaking: Hand harvested, cluster and berry sorted  
5 day cold soak  
14 day extended maceration  
Minimal racking

Barrel Aging: 19 months in French oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.8%

Bottling date: May 21, 2019

Scores: 93 points Robert Parker Wine Advocate  
91 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous