

# 2017 MASSA ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



## WINE TECHNICAL DATA

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| APPELLATION | CARMEL VALLEY                            |    |      |
| VINEYARDS   | MASSA ESTATE ( formerly DURNEY VINEYARD) |    |      |
| BRIX        | 24                                       | PH | 3.67 |
| ALCOHOL     | 14.2 % by Vol                            |    |      |
| PRODUCTION  | 125 cases (12X750ML)                     |    |      |

## PLACE

Massa Estate, formerly the old Durney heratige vineyard, was planted deep in Carmel Valley in the 1970's. These old own rooted vines reside on a sandy loam slope at 1500 feet elevation and struggle to produce only 2 tons per acre. The combination of the sandy loam soils, old vines and dramatic contrast between the daytime and nighttime temperatures produce wines with tremendous tension and energy.

## WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested
- 15% Petite Verdot inclusion
- Fermented dry at cool temperatures in small open-top temp. control tank
- Aged on lees 18 months; %30 new French oak
- Racked to tank and allowed to settle for one month prior to bottling.
- Unfiltered and unfined.

**AROMA** *Creme de cassis, blackberry compote, Morello cherry, vanilla, acacia flowers*

**PALATE** *Black currant, plum jam, framboise, cedar spice, pipe tobacco*

*Vividly youthful concentration with gripping layers of blackberry, currant, plum and sweet cherry fruits along with brambly spices, light wood notes, loam, cigar wrapper and lingering floral and liqueur notes that remind some people of either Rioja or Medoc wines with its personality and complexity in the glass.*

