

2017 Champoux Cabernet Sauvignon

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In 2017 we decided that the Cabernet from Champoux has long been established and that we should recognize that on the bottle. Hence the creation of a full new line-up of single vineyard wines featuring our signature grapes.

The 2017 vintage started out with a cool spring which was an extension of the preceding cool, wet winter throughout Eastern Washington. This meant that both bud break and bloom took place behind some of the more recent warm vintages. July and August warmed up with temperatures higher than average leading to a typical harvest time of mid-September for the first grapes. By the end of September, the temperatures started to cool down allowing for extra hang time and a more extending harvest window. The 2017 Vintage is already shaping up to be vintage with a focus on elegance and freshness.

Reviews:

(92 Points)...Rich expressions exuberant blackberry and dark cherry fruit, elegant oak nuances and stylish dark red tones. Full-bodied in the mouth, with youthful yet still rigid tannins, there are plummy tones and a robust fruit core that oozes over the mid-palate with a tannic edge. The wine has finesse and the most prominent structure of the range of Cabernets, ending with a long, sophisticated finish. This wine has an elegance that will reward the patience of a decade in the cellar. Anthony Muller – Wine Advocate

(91 Points)...Has pretty cassis, tobacco leaf, savory herbs, and chocolate notes as well as medium to full-bodied richness on the palate. It shows the forward, elegant, seamless style of the vintage beautifully. And despite already drinking nicely, it's going to evolve for 10-15 years on its balance. Jeb Dunnuck - Jebdunnuck.com

Composition: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petite Verdot

Vinification: Indigenous yeasts, fermentation in stainless steel tanks using a Pulseair for cap management, no filtering, no fining, minimal SO₂

Vineyard: Champoux (~130 acres total, sustainable farming, handpicked fruit, vineyard manager = Dan Nicholas)

AVA: Horse Heaven Hills AVA, Washington State, USA

Average Age of Vines: 25 years

Time in barrels: 19 months (20% New French Oak, 80% Neutral French Oak)

Bottling Date: March 2019

Release Date: June 2020

Total Production: 496 Cases

ABV: 14.5%

