

# 2017 Two Blondes Cabernet Sauvignon

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In 2017 we decided that the quality of two blondes 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)**...The 2017 Two Blondes Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon has ripe, layered fruit aromas of dusty blackberry, dark plums and cherries on the nose. The palate is complex, showing energetic cassis fruit with red and black cherry skin. The mid-palate is firm with structuring tannins and lively acidity, gliding to a long finish with subtle oak tones. This bottling will age gracefully but is accessible now for those who want instant gratification.  
Anthony Muller – Wine Advocate

**(91 Points)**...Displays classic Yakima Valley Cabernet herbal and cedary notes as well as ample dark, meaty fruits, medium-bodied richness and depth, a silky texture and a good finish. It's a forward, already approachable 2017 to enjoy over the coming decade. Jeb Dunnuck - Jebdunnuck.com

**Composition:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Vinification:** Indigenous yeasts, fermentation in stainless steel tanks using a Pulseair for cap management, no filtering, no fining, minimal SO<sub>2</sub>

**Vineyard:** Two Blondes (~30 acres total, sustainable farming, handpicked fruit, vineyard manager = Patrick Rawn)

**AVA:** Yakima Valley AVA, Washington State, USA

**Average Age of Vines:** 17 years

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

**Bottling Date:** March 2019

**Total Production:** 760 Cases

**ABV:** 14%

