



VALRAVN

2017

sonoma county
cabernet sauvignon

We've been making wine in Sonoma County for over ten years now and along the way, established a dynamic network of friends and colleagues that include vineyard owners, growers and winemakers. While we successfully navigated and maneuvered our way through the négoce market in the past, ValravN represents the next evolutionary step for us. Because of those forged relationships and friendships, we have exclusive access to grapes from fantastic vineyards and the team to oversee hands-on production from vineyard to bottle. We are proud of our past achievements and excited to realize the culmination of a decade of learning and focus, bringing authentic wines to the table that we have found, seen, and touched at every step. ValravN wines are out of the gate approachable, delicious, and table ready.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

For Cabernet Sauvignon, we looked to vineyards in the Alexander Valley, Moon Mountain (up in the Sonoma Valley), and Russian River Valley AVAs and were fortunate to find stellar, benchmark fruit for our inaugural vintage. A combination of aspects and soil types (Goldridge, Sebastopol series, alluvial) allowed us to blend the components for a seamless composition.

In the cellar, hand sorted grapes undergo an extended pre-fermentation cold-soak followed by primary fermentation in stainless steel. Following primary, the wine was transferred into mostly Saury and François Freres barrels (50% new) for aging for 16 months.

TASTING NOTES

Reminiscent of classic ripe-vintage Bordeaux - refined and well defined with a lovely play of savory and sweet. Cassis, black cherry and blackberry fruit is accompanied by opulent notes of dark chocolate, espresso roast, and graphite. Silky tannins with amazing richness on the palate.

PRESS - 91 points, Wine Enthusiast (June 2020)

"This attractively priced 100% varietal red is aged in French oak, 30% of it new, an impressive addition to the flavors of the wine. Cherry-covered chocolate richness is complemented by a bright thread of acidity and tension in this structured, complex wine." -
Virginie Boone

