# BURGESS

# 2017 SORENSON'S RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

# VINEYARD SOURCE

#### SORENSON ESTATE VINEYARD: CABERNET SAUVIGNON

First planted in 1872 by Swiss-Italian immigrants, Sorenson Vineyard has served as the beating heart of Burgess for more than 150 years. Climbing 800-1000 feet above sea level, this vineyard is carved into the western-facing slopes of Howell Mountain, overlooking the Napa Valley below. The landscape is dotted with large boulders on the "Konocti Series Volcanics" soil, a very densely compacted volcanic ash, as pines and redwoods surround the vineyard, becoming immersed in morning fog during the harvest months.

# VINTAGE INFORMATION

The 2017 vintage in Napa Valley is usually remembered for the wildfires that raged across Northern California during October. It was a devastating event for the local community and the wine industry, and the growing season that preceded it was not without additional challenges. Winter was characterized by extreme rain events that flooded roads and bridges but helped end years of drought conditions. The rest of the growing season was characterized by heat spikes in June, July, and August, culminating in a stretch of extreme temperatures over Labor Day. These weather events required meticulous care at Sorenson's Vineyard to keep canopies healthy and precise picking schedules to ensure optimal fruit ripeness. Sorenson's Vineyard weathered these vintage events and produced Cabernet Sauvignon that is concentrated and complex but also extremely elegant with notes of red and black fruit.

# TASTING NOTES

Concentrated notes of blackberry, cherry and black plums are complemented by aromas of cedar, tobacco, and baking spices. The vineyard's characteristic herbal notes of rosemary and thyme lift the flavor profile and provide complexity.

# TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

AGING REGIMEN Aged 30 months in 30% new French oak barrique, 70% neutral French oak barrique AVA Napa Valley

ALCOHOL 14.7%

