

2017 CONTADINA Cabernet Sauvignon



VINEYARD SOURCE

Sorenson 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.

Haymaker Vineyard: Petit Verdot and Malbec

Acquired by Burgess Cellar in 1987, Haymaker Vineyard sits on the opposite side of Howell Mountain facing east, with a slope averaging 20%. Its soil composition mirrors the Sorenson, with bands of uplifted marine sediments.

TASTING NOTES

A balanced yet lively Cabernet Sauvignon with notes of ripe black currents and lush blackberries, accentuated with herbal aromatics of sage, mint, and sweet tobacco. Sourced from Sorenson and Haymaker vineyards on the west and east-facing sides of Howell Mountain, this wine has a long velvety finish.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Varietal Composition 89% Cabernet Sauvignon 7% Petit Verdot 4% Malbec

Alcohol 14.7% Aging Regimen Aged 22 months in 15% new French oak barrique, 85% neutral French oak barrique

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