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GEYSER PEAK WINERY

2017 Walking Tree Cabernet Sauvignon

Alexander Valley

GROW

The 2017 growing season was outstanding . Winter rains replenished the soil moisture and prepared the vines for healthy vegetative growth throughout the warm, dry spring and summer. The dry weather resulted in very small berries that were intense with flavor and packed with color. Steady ripening created stunning flavor development and richness which built refined, structured tannins that were easy to extract during fermentation.

Benchland vineyards, where our Walking Tree is sourced, have long proven to be some of our favorites when it comes to growing top quality red wine grapes. The western bench of the Alexander Valley offers abundant sunshine and liberal shading, ensuring thorough ripening,
and producing fruit with rich, jam flavors and soft, plush tannins.
We prize these sites for their distinctive flavor profiles and accessible structure of the fruit.

MAKE

The 2017 vintage marks our 13th release of the Walking Tree Cabernet Sauvignon. The abundant juicy dark red fruit profile accented by the earthy complexity of a small percentage of Shiraz creates a multi-layered wine with approachable fruit and undertones of spice and mineral. Following traditional fermentation with pump-overs twice daily, and 100% secondary malolactic fermentation, the wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 18 months in medium plus and custom toasts (20% new).

TASTE

A consistent favorite of intimate bistros and innovative eateries, this wine showcases the wonderful pleasures of Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. The deep plum color of this sumptuous Cabernet Sauvignon gives way to expressive aromas of white pepper, dark berry fruit, and cassis. Aging in French oak barrels softens the otherwise firm tannins and introduces hints of toasted vanilla and leather on the palate. Luscious blueberry and blackberry flavors are refined and perfectly balanced by a spiciness that lingers on a long and elegant finish. This wine is a perfect complement to braised beef short ribs, chicken cacciatore, caramelized onions, blue cheese, and dark chocolate mousse.

APPELLATION
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VARIETAL BLEND
93% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Shiraz

ALCOHOL	14.5%
TA	6.80 g/L
pH	3.45
R.S.	0.0 g/L
CASES	4,472
RELEASE DATE	Summer 2019