

Stuhlmuller Vineyards

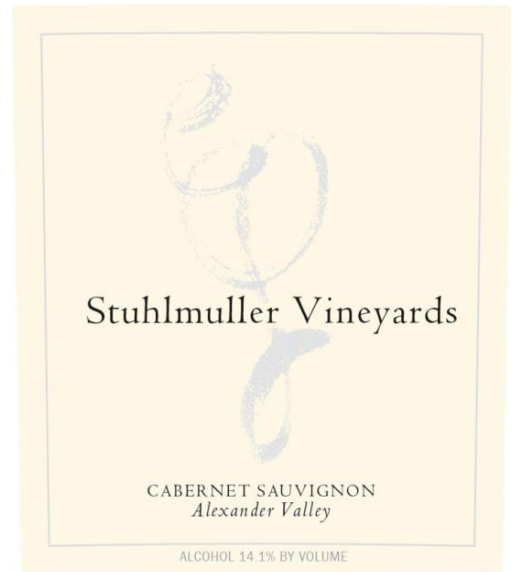
2017 Alexander Valley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

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Winemaker Leo Hansen

Vineyards Stuhlmuller Vineyards is located at the southern edge of the Alexander Valley, where it converges with two other highly regarded Sonoma County appellations, Chalk Hill and the Russian River Valley. On its eastern edge, the 150-acre vineyard borders the Russian River. Situated in a location that is part river benchlands and part hillside, the vineyard benefits from its alluvial gravel soils and the more rocky soils of the hillside sections.

The Clones The fruit for this Cabernet emphasizes three clones, from seven separate blocks, with vines ranging in age from 10 to more than 25 years old. From the river benchland we use clone 337 for its fruit-forward black cherry flavors. Hillside clone 7 adds floral layers and classic Cabernet cassis and cherry elements. Our oldest plantings from the Belle Terre Vineyard, provide tannic concentration and blue fruit notes.



Winemaking Eight individual fermentations were done, using a mix of open-top tanks, and closed-top tanks where the must was pumped over. The closed-top tanks added to palate texture, while the open-top tanks retained fruit intensity. The wine was raked to 48 percent new French oak and underwent native malolactic fermentation. Each lot was fermented and aged separately for 10 months before blending, in barrel for a total of 18 months.

The Wine Medium to deep ruby-purple, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate offers aromas of cassis, aniseed, tobacco leaves and Luxardo cherries with graphite hints. The palate is medium-bodied with well-tempered fruits, grainy and fresh and finishing long on a mineral note. 1,425 cases produced.

Technical Notes	Alcohol:	14.1%
	Composition:	94.0% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6.0% Petit Verdot
	pH:	3.68
	Total Acidity:	7.0 g/l
	Production:	1425 cases