

2017 Diamond Selection

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon was the first wine produced by Rombauer Vineyards when the winery was founded in 1980. Diamond Selection, first produced with the 1994 vintage, represents the best lots harvested each growing season.

VINEYARDS

This reserve bottling comes from estate vineyards and top grower vineyards in Calistoga, Oakville, and St. Helena AVAs.

WINEGROWING

A wet winter with moderate rainfall, a mild spring and a warm summer created the ideal growing season. Very warm weather at the beginning of harvest accelerated the need to pick early on in the season. Sustainable farming practices throughout the growing season were tailored to each block with the assistance of aerial photos produced using NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) technology. The fruit was hand-picked at night and sorted in the vineyard.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were carefully destemmed and optically sorted to ensure only perfect fruit made it into the wine. The wine was primarily barrel-fermented to provide a richer, more textured palate.

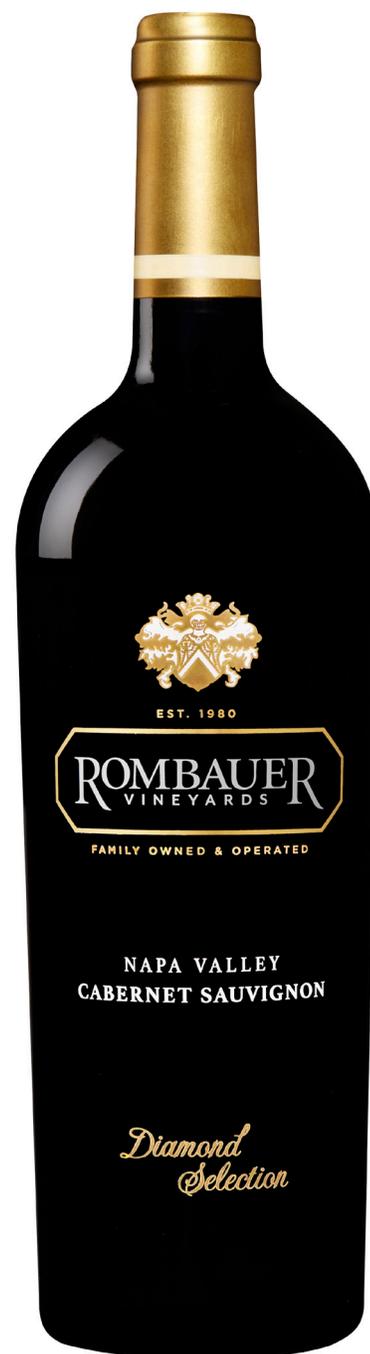
The wine was gently basket-pressed before being racked to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging. The finest lots were carefully chosen and blended to produce the Diamond Selection.

TASTING NOTES

This elegantly balanced wine is deep and dark with a purple hue. Aromas of black cherry and red currant combine seamlessly with sweet notes of spice and baked pie crust. The full and lush palate is highlighted by dark cherry and spice that gives way to hints of tobacco and vanilla. Finely structured ripe tannins are balanced by a lift of acidity, that gives this wine an impressive finish that lingers.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our favorite *Joy of Cooking*® pairings* for this wine include Standing Prime Rib with Creamed Spinach and Grilled Marinated Lamb Chops with Risi e Bisi.



RELEASE DATE	March 2021	AVERAGE BRIX AT HARVEST	26.6
APPELLATION	Napa Valley	COOPERAGE	16 months in French oak (100% new)
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	88% Cabernet Sauvignon 12% Petit Verdot	ALCOHOL	14.8%
HARVESTED	Sept. 11th-30th, 2017		

*Recipes for pairings may be found in the *Joy of Cooking*. Recipes not appearing in the book may be found at www.JoyofCooking.com.



The Joy of Wine

THE ROMBAUER FAMILY *Inspired by the wine movement of the 1970s in Napa Valley, Koerner and Joan Rombauer entered the wine business in 1976, then launched Rombauer Vineyards in 1980. As stewards of the land, the Rombauers have strived to produce the best wine an appellation, terroir and climate will achieve. The second and third generations are dedicated to continuing Koerner and Joan's vision.*

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