



FLORA SPRINGS

PREFERRED PALATES

One of the great things about a wine library is that it can serve as a memory jogger, kind of like thumbing through a scrapbook or journal. When I open a bottle of wine from my cellar, I'm immediately taken back to the vintage, thinking about the growing year and harvest when it was made. Sometimes the exact taste of the berries just prior to harvest comes jolting back to me. The 2017 Out of Sight Cabernet in your shipment is an extremely memorable library wine for me. As you might recall, 2017 was the year a series of fires began on October 8th and burned for three weeks around Napa and Sonoma. It was a traumatic harvest and a scary reminder of how fragile we are in Napa Valley, how easily our livelihoods and homes can - literally - go up in smoke. But 2017 had a silver lining: as a warm growing year, our fruit came in relatively early, and was picked before the fires took hold. For that reason, when I taste a 2017 vintage wine, I'm reminded there is always something to be thankful for. In 2017, I was grateful for the first responders and the well-being of my employees, and for the wine we were able to make and share with you in this shipment. I hope you'll enjoy a fond memory or create a new one as you sip on this wine.



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2017 OUT OF SIGHT CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Planted on an oak-laden hillside between the Napa Valley AVAs of Oak Knoll and Coombsville, our Out of Sight Vineyard off the Silverado Trail is easily missed, hence its name. When we purchased the property in the late 1980s, the site's gravelly soils and northwest exposure signaled great potential, but the tangled head-pruned vines also suggested years of neglect. After completely re-developing the property, however, our organically-farmed Out of Sight vineyard is today one of our most treasured fruit sources.

With a core of mouth-filling blue and deep red fruit flavors, including dark cherry, boysenberry and warm cassis, our 2017 Out of Sight Cabernet reveals fresh notes of underbrush and just-picked herbs along with allspice and cedar. This is a medium to full-bodied wine, sleek and classic yet with a firm, chewy texture and bold tannins. It would be a fine match with crispy roast chicken, wild mushroom risotto, oily fish such as salmon or trout, and hard, aged cheeses.

CELLAR FACTS

Appellation: Napa Valley

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases: 410

Aging: 22 months in French (68%) and American (32%) oak barrels

Enjoyability: Drink now or cellar. Will continue to age through 2035.

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Price **\$155** | Shipment **\$124** | Reorder **\$124**

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2019 FLORA'S LEGACY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our Flora's Legacy wines are a tribute to Flora Komes, the woman and family matriarch who inspired the founding of Flora Springs. A barrel selection created each year by family members, Flora's Legacy can be one barrel or several, depending on the vintage; our only requirement is that it represent the very finest Cabernet Sauvignon of the vintage. In 2019, just twelve barrels - nine French oak and three American oak - were chosen for this small production wine.

The 2019 Flora's Legacy Cabernet draws on estate-grown grapes from the Komes Ranch in Rutherford and our Crossroads Vineyard in Oakville. Rich and powerful, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon offers a juicy mouthful of currant, black cherry and blackberry flavors, weaved through with notes of dark spice, espresso and mocha. Hints of spicy French oak and an alluring tinge of mint add interest, and the supple, fine-grained tannins bring this Cabernet to a long and elegant finish. Pull this one out of the cellar over the next 15 years when you want to show your friends what a pedigreed Napa Valley Cabernet is all about.

CELLAR FACTS

Appellation: Napa Valley

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases: 300

Aging: 18 months in French (80%) and American (20%) oak barrels

Enjoyability: Drink now or cellar. Will continue to age through 2035.

PRICING & REORDER

Price **\$195** | Shipment **\$156** | Reorder **\$156**

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NATURE'S NECTAR

The locally-sourced Butte County Wildflower honey in your shipment is a delicious mix coming from the Sierra Nevada foothill's summer bloom, including blackberry, toyon berry, star thistle, clover and other California wild flowers. It's the project of one of Nat Komes' good friends, and we love being able to share this gift from the bees. Spread it on a nice, toasted slice of pain au levain with a thin shaving of hard cheddar cheese and pair with our 2017 Out Of Sight Cabernet Sauvignon.



DOING BIGGER THINGS BY REMAINING SMALL

As Nat mentioned in your December newsletter, we've renewed our commitment to quality by purposefully choosing to work smaller. By drastically cutting our overall production, Flora Springs is authentically hands on, meaning we have greatly increased control over every last step of the winegrowing process. In the last four years we've undertaken meaningful changes to our Napa Valley vineyards, redesigning our blocks, irrigation and management techniques. We've also invested considerably in state-of-the-art winery equipment, with smaller, right-sized tanks tailored to our estate vineyard configurations. After years of preparation and planning, we are finally introducing our 2021 Trilogy and Single Vineyard wines, brought to you with new labels befitting their iconic status.

COMING SOON

We have several exclusive events coming up for club members to celebrate the unveiling of our 2021 Trilogy, as well as a luxurious cruise to Asia with Nat and Anne Komes, and more. Be sure to check the Events section of our website often for the most up to date information.

2024 RELEASE SCHEDULE

April: 2021 Trilogy

June: 2021 Wild Boar Cabernet Sauvignon

August: 2021 Out of Sight Cabernet Sauvignon

October: 2021 Holy Smoke Cabernet Sauvignon

December: 2018 Trilogy Etched Holiday Bottle and
2021 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon



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