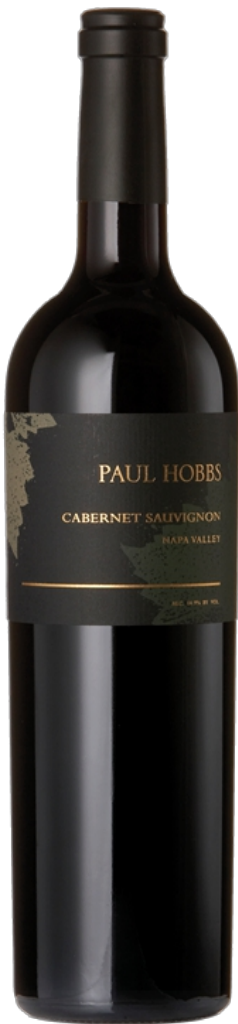


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Paul Hobbs, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California, USA, 2017



Producer Profile

Raised on a farm on the east coast of the United States, Paul Hobbs grew up in a tee-total household but this did not stop his first taste of wine being Chateau Y'quem. It is tempting to say 'and the rest is history' and leave it at that, but there is so much more to this man.

Paul came to winemaking via studying to be a doctor and this scientific background and attention to detail has helped hone his approach to crafting wonderfully precise, complex wines in California, and around the world. He has famously been called the 'Steve Jobs' of wine by Forbes magazine and it is clear he is a driven perfectionist whose hard work has paid off with numerous 100 points scores from the critics. However, to stop there would do Paul an injustice. Notwithstanding his mainstream winemaking training at USC Davis, Paul has been a long advocate of low intervention methods.

Viticulture

This stately Cabernet Sauvignon derives great depth from the diverse terroirs of its pedigree vineyards, including Nathan Coombs Estate, State Lane, Beckstoffer Dr. Crane, Beckstoffer Las Piedras, Wombats and Flat Rock.

Winemaking

Hand-harvested at night, fermented in small, closed top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts, 5-7 day cold soak, 29 day total maceration, spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels, bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

Tasting Note

Deep garnet in the glass, the 2017 vintage is a blend composed of pedigreed sites and displays aromas of dried lavender, cocoa powder, and wild blueberry. A core of black fruit is wrapped around holiday spice and crushed rock that adds depth and complexity. Polished tannins and fresh acidity frame the palate which finishes long and with an herbal lift of sage.

Food Matching

Think of serving it with roast beef or steak.

Technical Details

Varieties:

Cabernet Sauvignon 95%
Petit Verdot 3%
Cabernet Franc 2%

ABV: 15.5%

Closure: Natural cork

Colour: Red

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 12 x 75cl

Oak Aging

Time: 20 months

Type: French

% wine oaked: 100

% new oak: 63