vintage 2017

TECHNICAL SHEET

APPELLATION Mount Veeder, Napa Valley owners Tesseron Family general manager & winemaker Jérôme Ledit winemaking consultant Michel Rolland soils Sedimentary limestone blend 80% Cabernet Sauvignon 20% Merlot harvest Handpicked into small crates sorting & destemming Manual vinification Round concrete tanks of 264 gallons aging 70% in new French oak barrels 30% in concrete tanks

Aging time $16 \ months$

2017 was a challenging vintage. After a particularly wet and cold winter, the growing season started late.

The following part of the year went to a 'classic' Californian story: Sun, heat and blue sky! However, despite a few days in a row with over 110°F early September in the valley, our grapes remained healthy and balanced due to our altitude vineyard which benefits from a fresher climate.

The end of the season was marked by important fires in the region. At Pym-Rae, only our Cabernet Franc were affected. We have thus excluded them from the final blend. Our vineyard went through extreme conditions, from a wet winter to a very hot summer. We obtained an intense and powerful wine, balanced with a beautiful freshness characteristic from our terroir.

