

SENSES

VINTAGE NOTES

Vines leapt into action in 2017 with replenished water tables after years of drought. Early vegetative growth was strong, but not excessive, and crop yields were moderate to heavy given a warm summer. Severe heat early into harvest caused concern but pushed sites like ours along. Our entire harvest wrapped before the devastating 2017 North Bay fires.

VINEYARD

Oakville is known for producing some of the most sought-after wines from Napa Valley. Locally referred to as the 'heart and soul' of Napa, Oakville is centered between the cool reaches of the San Francisco Bay to the south, and the warmer inland air in St. Helena. Sourced entirely from a premier single vineyard on the eastern side of the Oakville appellation, the vines are rooted in red, rocky soil rich in iron with the volcanic strata reflective of the Vaca Mountains directly to the east. Sitting at approximately 190 feet, this area of Oakville transitions to the flats of the Napa River plain in step-like formations. Some scattered remains of Franciscan assemblage linger in the area, washed out long ago of the Lake Hennessey region through the ancient Conn Creek drainage. This diverse geology makes wine growing in this area particularly rewarding, resulting in wines consistently revered by connoisseurs and critics alike.

SENSES 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - \$250 SRP

"Produced from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon & aged for 20 months in 100% new French oak, the wine displays a deep garnet-purple color. It races out of the glass with vivacious notes of plum preserves, blueberry pie and warm cassis plus hints of hoisin and exotic spices. The palate is full-bodied and packed with layers of spice-accented black fruit preserves, framed by firm, finely grained tannins and lively freshness, finishing long and minerally." - 96, Lisa Perrotti-Brown RPWA

- 100% NEW FRENCH OAK, 20 MONTHS
- DARNAJOU & TARANSAUD BARRELS
- OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY
- 14.8% ALC.

ABOUT SENSES WINES

Senses Wines specializes in Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from world-class vineyards throughout the Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley AVAs. Founded in 2011, Senses is a dream-come-true for three childhood friends from Occidental who began farming their families' vineyards at just 22 years old. In partnership with renowned winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown, the Senses team produces outstanding single vineyard and appellation wines, of which the 2015-2017 vintages recently received 95+ points from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate. Website: www.senseswines.com.

