

Tasting Notes

2017 Nota Bene

Current Vintage:	2017
First Vintage:	1999
Vineyards:	Sharp Rock and Double Black Vineyards
Harvest dates:	September 28th – October 19, 2017
Bottling Date:	1st May 2019
Final Blend:	45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot 14% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol:	14.0%
Oak:	100% French oak barrique, 30% new, 18 months.
Coopers:	Sylvain, Vicard, Saury, Alain Fouquet.

Tasting Notes:

Unmistakably Nota Bene on the nose, the 19th edition of our flagship wine shows cassis, dark berry and cherry aromas, alongside notes of cedar and dark chocolate. Fresh berry fruit and French oak flavours shape the palate, with additional complexity coming from hints of mint and sage. Silky and elegant tannins and a creamy texture result in a wine that is approachable in its youth, while its impressive richness and concentration will allow evolution and further complexity over the next 12-15 years. Ample fresh acidity frames a long fruit driven finish.

Vintage Notes:

After a late start to the growing season, the 2017 summer was both warm and dry, allowing the vines and fruit to catch up, and to reach veraison in pristine condition. The cooler temperatures of late August and September then allowed the grapes to retain their intense fruit aromatics and natural acidity. Due to the slow and cool fall, and the absence of significant rainfall or frost, the Bordeaux varieties were able to reach impressive levels of ripeness, and they showed great balance at harvest.

