

*Dakota Shy*

## 2017 Napa

Dark, powerful and richly textured with a lush foundation of fruit, the 2017 Napa Valley Cabernet is one of my favorites to date. Layered and complex, it is a great representation of the heights that the 2017 vintage was capable of. Shows a remarkable, seamless build-up of intensity from entry through the finish, coating the palate with complex layers of flavor and powerful but silky structure. Suave and detailed, with flavors of blackberry, fresh dark cherry, currant, dried fig, cracked pepper and dried herbs. Background notes of graphite, espresso, baking cocoa and plum lead to the long finish where dark fruit, hints of mineral, baking spice and mocha linger. Sophisticated fine-grained tannins. Exceptional for its combination of freshness, intensity, complexity. Beautifully balanced and drinking well now - but best with some time in the cellar (5-20 years) or decant an hour before enjoying.

