



*AVA:* Sourced from four North Coast counties: 41% Sonoma, 37% Lake, 13% Napa, 9% Mendocino

*Composition:* 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Petite Sirah, 8% Merlot

*Alcohol:* 13.5%

*TA:* 6.0 g/L

*pH:* 3.71



**STARMONT**  
WINERY AND VINEYARDS

**2017**

## Cabernet Sauvignon

From the time Starmont first appeared on a label in 1989, the name has been recognized for classically styled varietal wines that are expressive and approachable. Now, nearly 30 years later, led by Winemaker Jeff Crawford Starmont is producing some of their best wines ever as part of the Merryvale Family of Wines. Focused on sustainability and making the highest quality wines, the Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard has been Napa Green Certified since 2007.

### Wine Notes

In the continued quest to deliver impressive quality at a reasonable price, we have moved our vineyard sourcing beyond the confines of Napa Valley. In addition to familiar vineyards in Napa, we have also found high quality vineyards in exciting AVAs such as the Red Hills in Lake County, Yorkville Highlands in Mendocino County, and stalwarts such as Alexander Valley and Dry Creek in Sonoma County. The result is a beautiful wine that exhibits the richness, balance, and elegance that has come to be expected from the Starmont Cabernet Sauvignon. Dark red in color, with aromas of dark berries and some herbs. Our Cabernet is restrained in style, not over-ripe or overly extracted. Meant to be balanced and approachable on its own and pair well with food.

### Winemaking

We harvest in the early morning to preserve the fresh flavors of the fruit. We use traditional fermentation methods: a 3-day cold soak and 9-day fermentation with the Cabernet Sauvignon and other varietals fermented at approximately 85°F. The wine spent an average of 12 days on the skins and was aged 16 months in a combination of French and American oak (33% new). The wine was bottled without fining.