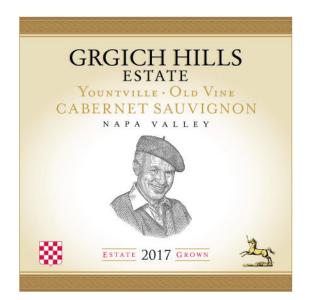# GRGICH HILLS ESTATE
NAPA VALLEY

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Alcohol............14.5% by volume
Fermentation ...indigenous yeast;
                3-4 weeks of skin
                contact
Harvest date ....Sept. 26 - Nov. 13, 2017
Sugar...............24.2° Brix (average)
Bottling date ...August 21, 2019
Release date .....November 2021
Total acid ....5.7 g/L
pH 3.79
Time in oak.....21 months
Type of oak......100% French oak;
                50% new barrels
Blend...............93% Cab. Sauvignon
                7% Petit Verdot
Production.......647 cases *(12/750 ml.)*

YOUNTVILLE • OLD VINE
2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
ESTATE GROWN • NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE: We had high rain fall at the beginning of the season, a mild winter, and then we finally transitioned into a beautiful spring. There was an early bud break and flowering, followed by sunny days and high temperatures through June and August.

VINEYARD: We're proud to be the custodians to some of the oldest Cabernet Sauvignon vines in the Napa Valley. Our Yountville Cabernet Sauvignon vines were planted in 1959 to the Inglenook clone (also known as Niebaum Cabernet Sauvignon #29) on St. George rootstock. More than a half century old, these vines have developed a root system that reaches deep into the subsoil to access all the available nutrients. They produce fewer grapes at this age but more concentrated, intense flavors that express a greater depth of *terroir* and complexity.

THE WINE: The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, Yountville Selection is a wine of profound complexity and depth with decadent layers of flavor and aromas. The nose abounds with a bouquet of ripe cassis, raspberry jam, and succulent blueberry — deep red fruit aromatics layered with hints of red pepper and undertones of sandalwood. Subtle notes of fresh blueberries and blackberries blend with orange peel to stimulate your palate. Fine tannins and lively acidity blend to create a velvety texture elevated by a touch of cocoa powder, giving the wine a lingering, concentrated, and harmonious finish. Enjoy this wine with roasted rack of lamb, Wagyu beef and truffled roasted fingerling potatoes.