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## CABERNET SAUVIGNON MENDOCINO COLLECTION

Vintage | 2017

### HISTORY



Sketchbook Mendocino Collection is an expression of the real people, places, and tastes of Mendocino County, Northern California – a region celebrated for its wild natural beauty, free-spirited culture, and generations of independent grape growers. Each Sketchbook Wine is a master class in the art of observation, beginning – as great artworks do – with humble, honest attention to the unique characteristics of each vineyard, vine and vintage.

### VINTAGE

A long growing season of moderate temperatures led to an early harvest and uniformly excellent fruit quality. Late March and April storms brought relief to regional drought conditions.



Smaller in yield, the small berry clusters presented intense extraction and concentrated flavors.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### APPELLATION:

Mendocino County  
100% Ukiah Valley

#### COOPERAGE:

Aged 14 months in French and American oak

**BOTTLING DATE:** 05/10/19

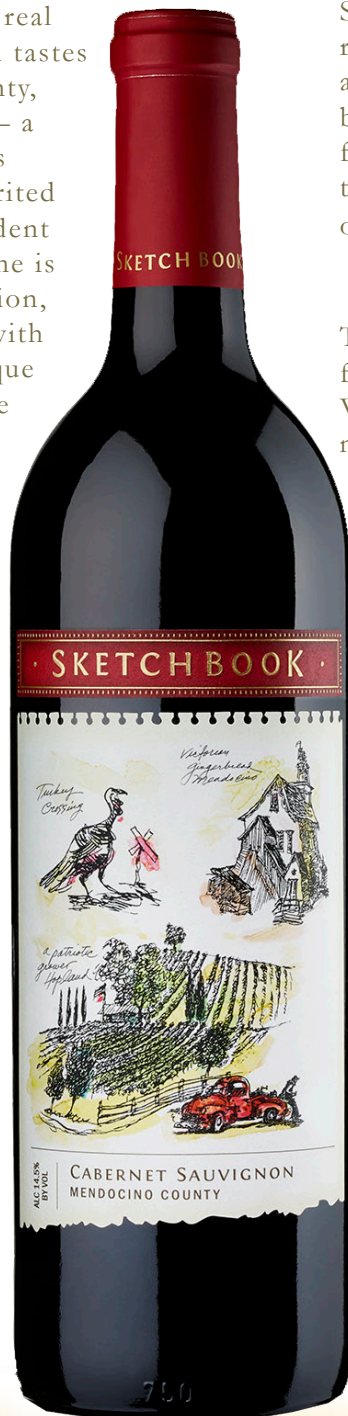
**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**TA:** 0.56g/100ml

**pH:** 3.54

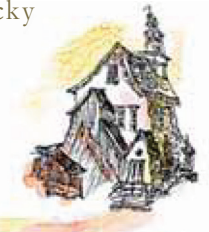
#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

87% Cabernet Sauvignon  
8% Merlot  
5% Syrah



### TASTING NOTES

Mendocino County's rocky hillsides grow Cabernet Sauvignon grapes of remarkable character and complexity. Dark berry and chocolate flavors are enriched by toasty oak tones and a hint of cedar forest.



### WINEMAKING

This Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from Redwood Valley and Ukiah Valley, two unique Mendocino County microclimates. Redwood Valley's cooler temperatures contribute acid structure and balance, whereas the warmer temperatures of Ukiah Valley lead to a richer, fatter Cab profile. A French Bordeaux yeast strain was selected to support a pleasing midpalate structure and fresh, fruit-forward finish.

**91** POINTS  
EDITORS'  
CHOICE

WINE ENTHUSIAST

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