THE STORY
The 2017 growing season was generous in all ways; an abundance of refreshing winter rains, a cool gentle spring, and a long warm summer. It was a perfect growing season! Then, the fires of October and the concept of, “Fire Season,” became a new reality.

Thankfully, like most Napa growers, our fruit had been both harvested and fermented before the fires hit. While our 2017 vintage was blissfully resting in barrel, neighbors helped neighbors who were affected by the fire. That continues to be the spirit of the Napa Valley.

Our 2017 Eternity holds that generosity of spirit: abundance, gentleness and warmth from the growing season and the power of people stepping up for each other. I hope you are embraced by each while you enjoy the ‘17.

TASTING NOTES
Normally before each wine’s release, I gather tasting notes from our winemaker, Jean Hoefliger and add my own touches. Yet this time, our notes are such a perfect mirror of wine writer Jeb Dunnuck’s review that to include them would merely be a repetition. Suffice it to say, Jean and I agree, the 2017 may be our most exquisite Eternity to date.

REVIEWS
“This powerful, dense, concentrated effort needs bottle age but is an incredibly impressive 2017. Giving up lots of chocolaty dark fruits, violets, Asian spices, and loamy soils aromatics, it has a big, mouth filling mid-palate, ripe tannins, and a great finish. I’d hide bottle for 4-5 years, but it should evolve for two decades. Unfortunately, there are a scant 95 cases produced. (Drink between 2024-2044)” Jeb Dunnuck

“A very pretty and tight red with currants and sweet tobacco, as well as cedar and lavender. Full-bodied, chew and polished. Dense center palate. Shows focus and brightness. Cabernet sauvignon with a dash of Petit Verdot. Give this two or three years.” Score 96; James Suckling

VINTAGE FACT
Grape Source: 17 acres, Napa Valley, Hillside, Single Vineyard, Certified Sustainable
Varietal Content: Estate Cabernet
Percent Alcohol: 14.9%
Aging: Barrel fermented & aged for 2 years in 80% new French Oak
Winemaker: Jean Hoefliger
Vineyard Team: Tom Clark & Josh Clark; Clark Vineyard Management
Production: 90 cases