

LEAPING

HORSE

California

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2017 LEAPING HORSE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINE DATA <u>Producer</u> Ironstone Vineyards

> Region California

<u>Country</u> United States

Wine Composition

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Syrah <u>Alcohol</u> 13.5% <u>Total Acidity</u> 5.1 G/L <u>Residual Sugar</u> 3.0 G/L <u>pH</u> 3.70

DESCRIPTION

The 2017 Leaping Horse Cabernet Sauvignon boasts deep red purple hues and flavors of black currant and cherry, with hints of blueberry jam, eucalyptus and mint, as well as vanilla and coffee notes. It's smooth and rich and very approachable now.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The grapes come from the winery's Lodi vineyards. The soils are sandy loam – and well-drained. The winery practices sustainable viticultural practices such as crop reduction, leaf removal, organic materials and drip irrigation to improve the quality of the grapes and intensity of flavors. Cover crops, which attract beneficial insects, are also employed, as well as the placement of owl and wood duck boxes around the vineyards and ponds to help preserve the surrounding habitats. After traditional fermentation, the Cabernet Sauvignon is aged for two months in new French oak barrels.

SERVING HINTS

Serve at room temperature with hearty stews and beef-based soups, grilled or barbecued red meats, pasta dishes with tomato based sauces, strong cheeses or grilled chicken. It also pairs well with rich chocolate desserts.