

## 2017 West Crest Cuvée



- 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot
- Dry Creek Valley AVA
- Harvested October 2017
- Aged 26 months in French oak barrels
- Racked 4 times over 26 months
- Alcohol 14,5%

**West Crest Cuvée** is a blend in the Bordeaux tradition where we use traditional Bordeaux grapes, grown in our volcanic well drained hillside Dry Creek Valley soil. The 2017 vintage pairs **Cabernet Sauvignon, 58% and Merlot 42%** in line with classic Bordeaux wines. Blending is one of the finer arts of winemaking and each vintage of the Crest Cuvée is unique. The 2017 harvest was smaller with intense tannins and we paired the big Cabernet Sauvignon with the softer more aromatic Merlot. The result is a wine rich in flavors of dark cherries, bay leaves, leather, licorice and well-rounded tannins. The wine was aged 26 months in French oak barrels before being bottled and then aged at 55F in the bottle for over 2 years.

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on our hillside property in the north end of the valley, on west facing slopes high above the valley floor. The grapes get long, warm and sunny days to mature to full and complex flavors. The Merlot grapes grow close by in slightly lower terrain and tend to ripen a little bit earlier than the Cabernet.

West Wines is a family-owned winery in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, where we started growing grapes 1998. Our winemaking style is inspired by French winemaking. The grapes are hand harvested and meticulously sorted before crushing. We adhere to California sustainable practices in all our vineyards. Katarina is the winemaker at West Wines and combined her Winemakers Certificate at UC Davis with hands on experience while crafting the portfolio of wines with our previous winemakers.