

# ROBERT SINSEY VINEYARDS



POV 2017

*Los Carneros, Napa Valley*



- Organic - CCOF Certified Vineyards
- Two classic Bordeaux varietals: Merlot and Cabernet Franc
- From RSV's Vandal Vineyard
- Cuvée changes every vintage
- 24 months in 30% new French oak barrels
- Labels feature original photography by Rob Sinskey
- Three photos per vintage - Four of each per case

## *Winegrowing Notes*

It has been well documented that 2017 was a pivotal year in Napa Valley as it was the first year of the climate-driven mega-fires. Some of the Merlot and Cabernet Franc on the Vandal Vineyard was picked before the fires started while any fruit, like the Cabernet Sauvignon, that was still on the vine after the fires began was abandoned. The total production from 2017 was dramatically reduced as a result of the fires.

The good news is that the fruit that came in was gorgeous! Low yields combined with organic, regenerative farming allowed the fruit to achieve full physiological ripeness while harvesting at night helped maintain natural acidity.

Each vineyard block was fermented separately with native yeast and aged in 30% new French oak for two years before being blended by taste to create this delicious cuvée.

## *Tasting Notes*

The 2017 vintage of POV is a dark, rich, and handsome wine. It is a quiet, brooding and deliciously enjoyable beverage with unexpected intensity. The aromas and flavors of generous crushed berries and ripe plum were a gift from the late summer warmth. The impeccable Cabernet Franc shines with dark blackberry, savory, slightly-herbaceous notes of lavender, bay laurel, rosemary and fennel backed by olive and dark chocolate, while the Merlot adds a hint of blueberry to the mid-palate. The finished cuvée has a sense of precision as the fruit is balanced by firm tannins and a refreshing, mouthwatering crispness that should keep the wine youthful for years to come. Enjoy with something as simple as a wood oven pizza or dress it up with roast duck and wild rice, a beautiful grass-fed ribeye, leg of lamb or a mushroom risotto. (06/2022)

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# UNCERTAIN TIMES, GREAT WINES...

by Rob Sinskey

## *An Existential POV!*

How I long for the good old days when we only had to worry about a war in a foreign land, a polarized populous, a corrupt presidency, interest rate hikes, a looming gas crisis and warnings of environmental collapse. Neil Young had a few choice lyrics for the times when he sang “Look at mother nature on the run in the nineteen seventies.” Not much has changed since then, yet everything has changed.

I was in my early twenties when we started planting our vineyards in 1982. We were still recovering from the turbulent '70's and my father just wanted to grow good Pinot Noir, Merlot and Chardonnay and I was still trying to decide if the hippie dream of self-sufficiency and getting back to nature was even a possibility. I'm still trying to figure that one out.

Throughout history, humanity has always dealt with a crisis of one sort or another. Yet, no matter what occurs, there are those who proceed with optimism, creating something good when others only see bad. We have come to the realization that we can't control what is beyond our control. However, we can create something positive and hopefully encourage others that they too can make a difference. The tired hippie slogan of “Think globally, act locally!” still rings true today. Everything we do when we create our wines is to “do no harm” and “heal an ailing earth.” I know I repeat those two refrains often, but I am told it sometimes takes repeating yourself for twenty years to get the message across. We try to look at everything we do, from the earth up, to assure we make responsibly, well-crafted wines so we can indulge in guilt-free hedonism and offer a temporary pleasure respite during uncertain times.

