

PURLIEU

2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, GEORGES III VINEYARD, RUTHERFORD NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 vintage from Georges III shows exceptional energy and aromatic diversity. The nose suggests sweet red fruit and dried herbs, but the palate reveals a far more complex alchemy of black fruit, red velvet cake, cherries, and spice box aromas. Silky but structured, linear but unexpected, this fascinating wine will continue to unfold and develop with time in the cellar. Our ruthless elimination of all wine with the slightest bit of smoke taint reduced production by more than 40%.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Julien Fayard
WINEMAKER	Julien Fayard
VARIETAL	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley
PRODUCTION	151 Cases
ALCOHOL	15%



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BACKGROUND

Purlieu means "the edge of the forest" or "an outlying area." Directly, it is a reference to our home base in the new Coombsville AVA, at the edge of the forest and the entire Napa Valley. Symbolically, "purlieu" refers to our approach to winemaking, to exploring the outskirts and navigating the boundaries of what one may expect of a Napa Cabernet Sauvignon. For us, the key to successfully walking that edge lies in maintaining balance: between innovation and tradition, confidence and restraint, depth and refreshment.