



CERVANTES

2017 CERVANTES BLACKTAIL

ABOUT THE BRAND

It has been called Napa Valley's last frontier. Just over the peak of Howell Mountain, alongside Pritchard Hill, is a place less-traveled yet full of promise. Here, the adventurous Cervantes family pairs with a renowned team, including winemakers Andy Erickson and Jessica Tarp. Winegrowers and designers share a dream to realize the full possibility of an unsung terroir. An 1,100 acre ranch weaves in and around five-acres of hillside vineyards. Remote, rugged, unspoiled, picturesque, and free. A land to be stewarded and shared like the wines it gifts. The Cervantes family makes wines of distinctive character from an uncharted place made by people on a mission.

WINE ADVOCATE, 96 POINTS, LISA PERROTTI-BROWN

October 2020: Deep garnet-purple in color, it is a little closed to begin, requiring some swirling to reveal a seducing perfume of lilacs, baked plums, blueberry pie and spice cake with hints of potpourri, unsmoked cigars and chocolate mint. The palate is medium to full-bodied and concentrated, but not in the least heavy, delivering layer upon layer of perfumed black fruits and a velvety texture, finishing fragrant and long, long, long. It is an exercise in polish and poise.

305 cases were made.

JEB DUNNUCK, 93+ POINTS, JEB DUNNUCK

The 2017 Proprietary Blend Blacktail is a terrific red from this challenging vintage, and it has some upside as well. Based on 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Malbec, 23% Petite Sirah, and the balance Petit Verdot, it offers beautiful purity of fruit as well as notes of violets, spice, and peppery herbs. With good acidity, ripe tannins, and outstanding balance, it's going to be even better in 2-4 years and evolve for over a decade.

VARIETAL BLEND	36% Cabernet Sauvignon / 37% Malbec / 23% Petite Sirah / 4% Petit Verdot
ALCOHOL	14.8%
CASE PRODUCTION	305

