

VERMILLION RED BLEND, 2017

# VERMILLION

## ABOUT THE BRAND

The quality of wine is based on the quality of all its inputs – good vineyards, smart farming, pure and focused winemaking – ultimately attention and TLC at every step. We make this wine from the vineyards to the bottle, working closely with grape growers from awesome little vineyard sites in Napa Valley, Sonoma County, and the Sierra Foothills. We've sought out interesting sites with great dirt, farm them with care and thought, and use traditional winemaking to craft honest wine and make an artisanal red wine blend to match any occasion, any food, any time. Vermillion is a terroir-driven, delicious, hand-crafted wine to be enjoyed any night of the week.

- Helen Keplinger & DJ Warner

**91 PTS WINE ADVOCATE, LISA PERROTTI BROWN** Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the 2017 Red Blend leaps joyously from the glass with bright, expressive raspberry coulis, Black Forest cake and blackberry compote scents plus touches of garrigue, fertile loam, fried herbs and dried roses with a waft of Sichuan pepper. Medium-bodied, the palate is softly spoken with a wonderfully plush texture and oodles of freshness, finishing long and perfumed.

**90 PTS JEB DUNNUCK, JEB DUNNUCK** The 2017 Vermillion checks in as a blend of Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, and Counoise and is made by the talented Helen Keplinger. It offers a Pinot Noir-like style in its dark fruits, spice, herbes de Provence, and savory, earthy aromas and flavors. It's medium-bodied, elegant, and stays light on its feet and is always a joy to drink. This is a serious Rhone-style red with the complexity and palate to show for it. Keplinger Winery's 2nd label, "leftover" blend (It's so good, you can only imagine what the first-cut wines are like.) The nose gives off beautiful layers of wild strawberry, black licorice and graphite followed by insane flavors of red and black fruit, dried herbs, and a red vine finish.

### VARIETAL BLEND

40% Grenache / 20% Syrah /  
20% Mourvedre / 10% Cabernet  
Sauvignon / 5% Petit Syrah / 3%  
Counoise / 2% Viognier

### AGING

16 months in 100% French Oak

### ALCOHOL

14.7%

### CASE PRODUCTION

2300

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THE WINE  
ADVOCATE

