

## TATE

### 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MOUNT VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY

#### TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Mt. Veeder is inky purple in color. The nose is brooding and dark with reduced blackcurrant and blueberry crumble. Anise, cigar tobacco and crushed violets match the dark fruit on the nose. The palate is round and velvety, with loads of mocha/coffee grounds as well as vanilla bean and cassis. Although near black in color the tannins are soft, present and chalky but not overbearing. The firm mountain acidity balances the tannins. There is a long mocha blackcurrant finish. This beautiful balanced wine will age nicely over the next 14-16 years (2033-2035).

#### TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	David and Suzanne Tate
WINEMAKER	David Tate
VARIETAL	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION	Mount Veeder, Napa Valley
PRODUCTION	150 Cases
ALCOHOL	14.4%
AGING	22 months in French Oak Barrels, 80% new and 20% two years old



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#### BACKGROUND

David Tate, a native of British Columbia, Canada, is the Winemaker and Founder of TATE along with his wife Suzanne Tate. Established in 2011, TATE is known for single expression wines from independently owned, micro-vineyards across the valley floor and mountain sides of the Napa Valley.

David is also the General Manager and Winemaker for Barnett Vineyards atop Spring Mountain in the Napa Valley since 2007. Prior to his work with TATE and Barnett, David was the assistant winemaker at Ridge Vineyards for five years at Montebello in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Suzanne Tate's roots are in Texas but will quickly tell you that Northern California and the Napa Valley are now 'home'. After five years of distribution in Texas, Suzanne had a chance meeting with David at a wine dinner and well, as they say the rest is history. Suzanne moved to the Napa Valley in 2010 and very quickly, the idea of TATE came to life.

From our small start of 400 cases, TATE is now producing just over 1,000 cases annually of Chardonnay from Yountville, Merlot from Calistoga and single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon's from St. Helena, Mt. Veeder and Howell Mountain.