

CERVANTES

2017 BLACKTAIL, NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

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. It is an exercise in polish and poise. -Lisa Perrotti -Brown, Wine Advocate

WA 96
Dunnuck 93+

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Xavier Cervantes
WINEMAKER	Andy Erickson
VARIETAL	36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Malbec, 23% Petit Sirah, 4% Petit Verdot
APPELLATION	Napa Valley
PRODUCTION	305 Cases
ALCOHOL	14.8%



BACKGROUND

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 winemaker Andy Erickson of Screaming Eagle Fame. This amazing 1,100 acre ranch marks the highest profile project for Andy Erickson and Xavier Cervantes where they are growing text book Napa Valley hill side wines.