



KRSMA ESTATES

Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

The 2017 is a change in perspective and style from the previous KRSMA Cabernets. As opposed to the tannic, full bodied and age-worthy style as our flagship wine, this vintage is a vociferous exclamation that a friendly, fruity and approachable style can be just as graceful and elegant to be a wine worthy of all things celebratory.

GRAPE VARIETY

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD REGION

Hampi Hills, Karnataka.

The vines are grown on gentle, north-facing slopes with rows running in an east-west direction. The red soil is iron-rich and well-draining. At an altitude of 590m, the vineyard sees strong, dry winds ensuring a microclimate that is devoid of moisture for most part of the year.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The weather, with average temperatures of 23°C between forward pruning and harvest, plenty of sunshine and roughly 125mm of rain received over 48 days in the same period, was conducive for plants to develop a healthy canopy with enough foliage to allow for ideal ripening of the grapes. The harvest period was dry and cool with a diurnal shift of around 11°C. The ripened fruit with an impressive acidity was harvested manually, in small batches.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were crushed gently and then fermented in open topped steel tanks. A small quantity of grapes from one of the best vineyard parcels was fermented in two 500 L oak barrels, one of which was new. Gentle punch-downs were employed for cap management rather than regular pump-overs. The wine has been aged in French oak barrels (33% new oak barrels) for 14 months maintaining the ferment batches, and has been blended just before bottling.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar - 0.5 g/L | pH - 3.24 | Acidity - 7.2 g/L; Alc/Vol - 13.1%

COLOUR

A bright ruby red with a slight variation at the rim.

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Dark fruit and berry aromas, cranberries, black cherries and sour plums dominate throughout. Toasty, woody aromas from the oak ageing that lead on to muted hints of sweet spices and vanilla.

PALATE

Fresh and fruit-forward, the wine is a delight from the very beginning. A juicy wine, with a burst of fresh fruits on the palate, some evident notes being of black cherries, plum, red apple and liquorice. With subtle yet expressive tannins, a softer wine with considerable length on the finish that will please every palate easily.

PEAK DRINKING

Best to drink now but will age well till 2023.