## 2017 "Warrior" Cabernet Sauvignon



## The Vineyards:

Warrior Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from two vineyards – Henderson Vineyards and Bates Ranch. Henderson Vineyards is approximately two acres and was planted roughly 20 years ago in the Santa Clara AVA. The soil is a combination of river rock and sandy loam. Bates Ranch sits along the historic Redwood Retreat Road in Gilroy, near Mount Madonna in the Santa Cruz Mountains appellation. The Bates Family has been growing robust quality grapes for four generations. The area is generally nourished by warm days and cool nights, resulting in a preferred micro-climate for growing Cabernet Sauvignon.

## The Wine:

The grapes were hand harvested on September 26 and October 3, 2017. Deep purple in color and medium-bodied, this Cabernet Sauvignon has violet aromatic elements up front leading to black currant, ripe plum, and black cherry flavors on the palate; subtle pepper notes give it a bright, spicy finish. With rich texture and smooth tannins, this wine pairs well with roasted lamb, grilled beef, portobello mushrooms and wild game.

## **Technical Data:**

Production	268 cases	Release Date	Fall 2018
Alcohol	14 % by vol.	Aging	10 months in French oak barrels (30% new)
Bottle Size	750 ml	Suggested Retail	\$25