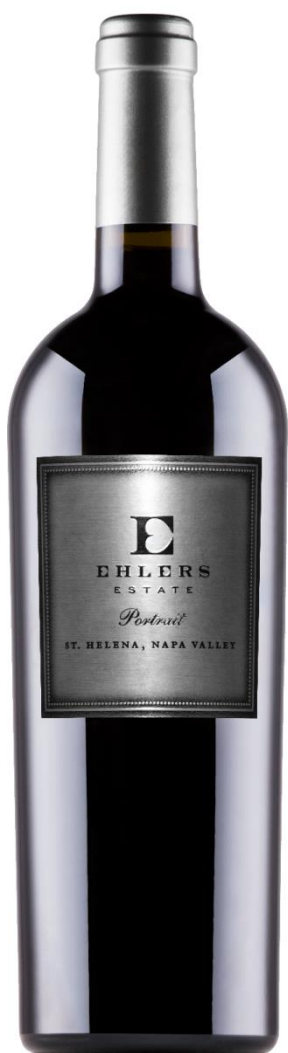




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2017 PORTRAIT



Tasting Notes: The 2017 Ehlers Estate Portrait is a special red blend of the 4 Bordeaux varietals we have planted at the Estate. The wine is showing deep layers of garnet color. With only 50% Cabernet Sauvignon to give structure to the wine, the big personalities of the Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot really shine in this blend. Aromas of red berries, fig compote, ripe strawberries, cassis and violet flowers flowered aromas of vanilla, mocha and licorice. Long and balanced, the mouth feel is rich but with silky tannins. Full finish with a long mineral post taste. Balanced acidity promises good aging potential to the wine. Ready to drink now, but it will age extremely well for 15-20 more years.

Vintage: 2017 began with abundant rainfall, followed by a mild Spring resulting in extended flowering with little shatter. A Labor Day weekend heatwave kicked harvest into high gear, then cool weather allowed sugar levels to return to normal. By October 4th, all our grapes were happily fermenting in tanks, most of them already pressed and in barrels starting malolactic fermentation.

Varietal: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Cabernet Franc, 13% Merlot, 13% Petit Verdot

Harvest: September 11 – 29, 2017

Wine Analysis: 14.5 % alcohol • 3.62 pH • 6.6 TA

Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley

Bottling Date: August 20, 2019

Cases Produced: 750 cases