

CAIN VINEYARD & WINERY



2009 Cain Five: Estate Grown—Estate Bottled

The 2009 Cain Five is in a beautiful place right now. Thirteen years after the harvest, this wine has just begun to acquire that soft patina from bottle age. What began with a vibrant herbal note of the wild “garrigue” of the Cain Vineyard has now melded into sweet plums and cigar box, now smooth, soft, and round. Look for a bit of earthiness and some lovely floral notes of roses and jasmine. This wine works well across the spectrum: from fish to fowl, and all the way to Wagyu. No need to decant.

Varieties: 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Malbec, 7% Cabernet Franc, 6% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot



2017 Cain Five: Estate Grown—Estate Bottled

2017 gave us a fresh and mouth-watering Cain Five. The year began with more than adequate rainfall and the vines responded with exuberance. The Summer took us on the usual roller-coaster ride of alternating heat waves followed by cooling as the marine layer pushed over the crest of the Mayacamas mountains into the Cain Vineyard. But then came the dramatic wildfires of 2017. Our harvest came to an abrupt halt on Monday morning, the 9th of October. The good news is that we had already harvested some beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon, and even our coolest east-facing vineyard block turned in its most beautiful wine ever! As a result, this vintage, comprised of some of our earlier picks, has lovely perfume, fresh natural acidity, typically fine structure, with a modest alcohol of just 13.7%.

Varieties: 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot



NV17 Cain Cuvée

In the NV17, the Cain Vineyard dominates, contributing two-thirds of the total, split evenly between the two vintages. Once again, the NV17 illustrates perfectly the way in which two vintages blended together can complement one another. 2016 was a relatively cool year that gave us some lovely, light, perfumed wines, perfect for Cain Cuvée, while, at the outset, the 2017 harvest promised to deliver firm, deeply structured complex wines—the ideal complement to the more delicate 2016s. With this combination, you’ll easily find the signature of the Cain Vineyard, with its bright floral and herbal aromatics.

Vineyard Locations: 67% Spring Mountain District, 33% Valley Floor, 100% Napa Valley

Vintage Content: 2016, 2017