



## 2017 Red Blend



*STONE VALLEY* was named after the well-drained, gravelly California soils that these vineyards are planted in. These growing conditions are ideal for grape vines that result in thriving vineyards full of clusters brimming with rich, concentrated flavors. Stone Valley wines offer true varietal character, attractive packaging and the quality of California at value prices that will please even the most conscientious wine lover.

### Technical Data

Blend:	50% Merlot, 40% Zinfandel, 10% Petite Sirah
Aging:	Two months, French Oak
Alcohol:	13.5%
RS:	5.45 g/l
TA:	6.7 g/l

The *2017 Stone Valley Red Blend* was produced from a blend of grape lots sourced from select Northern California vineyards. Fully mature grapes were gently crushed and fermented in our rotary fermenters. This process moderates fermentation temperatures and allows for full color extraction and maximum flavor development without using excessive heat or giving harsh tannin qualities. The final blend included Zinfandel, Merlot and Petite Sirah which gives the wine a spicy, juicy and rich character.

**Winemaker Notes:** This Red Blend has vibrant dark red and purple color, followed by aromas and flavors of dark berries, mocha and spice. The finish is rich and flavorful.

**Pairing Suggestions:** Excellent with many cuisines, especially a hearty steak, grilled venison, duck ragout and strong cheeses or a rich chocolate dessert.