

# 2017 CALDEIRA MERLOT

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## COOMBSVILLE, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



### THE WINE:

This 88% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon (clone 169) and 4% Cabernet Franc (clone 214) was made by Marbue Marke with consulting winemaking assistance from Sal Galvan. With only four barrels made (96 cases) this micro production wine was aged for 15 months in 50% New French oak. The fruit was all grown on the Caldwell Estate Vineyard in Coombsville, Napa Valley.

### THE ESTATE:

Caldeira is the French term for a crater formed by the eruption and subsequent collapse of the mouth of a volcano. The Coombsville AVA in Napa Valley owes much of its unique terroir to this geologic event. Caldeira wines represent the partnership between Caldwell vineyards and Quigley Fine Wines to showcase small production wines from the unique terroir of Coombsville. Caldwell Vineyard, the source of the fruit for this wine, is planted with specific clones that thrive in this area of Napa Valley. John Caldwell, the owner of Caldwell Vineyards is famous in the Napa Valley wine world, known as “The Smuggler” because of his legendary efforts to bring back rare and sought after clones from Bordeaux to be planted in Napa.

### TASTING NOTES:

**Color:** deep magenta purple

**Aromas:** black and red plums, boysenberry and hints of cocoa powder

**Flavor & Texture:** blueberry, cherry and plum with subtle cardamom; good freshness and verve on the palate with velvet tannins

**Food Pairing:** dry aged, prime filet mignon

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