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## 2017 GEMELLAIA CALIFORNIA

**Composition** - 70% Sangiovese, Creston Ridge Vineyard  
20% Merlot, Jim Black Vineyard  
10% Petit Verdot, Margarita Vineyard

**Élevage** - French Oak, 50% new, Native Fermentation

**Production** - 150 Cases

**Alcohol** - 14.5%

### Winemaker's notes

Gemellaia is a barrel selection from our finest lots in the winery. Super Tuscan inspired, it melds Sangiovese's acid and tannin structure with the soft, generous fruit of Merlot and Petit Verdot. The Bordeaux varieties undergo lengthy extended macerations to refine tannins and spend a further 22 months in oak for complete development.

### Tasting notes

With Gemellaia, we draw from modern Italian wines for our inspiration, utilizing the highest percentage (roughly 50%) of new barriques in our lineup. The 2017 places Sangiovese at the forefront for the first time in years, while still harnessing the richness and immediacy of Merlot and Petite Verdot. This new Gemellaia has very complex aromatics highlighted by sarsaparilla, sage, preserved cherries, coconut. The palate is round with soft tannins and a long finish seeped in intense flavors of red fruits, light espresso, vanilla, and sweet tobacco.

