

Eleanor 2017 RED WINE



I met Eleanor in 1962 on the set of my first feature film. Having much in common, our friendship blossomed into a romance; we married, started a family, and dreamt of having a small country house in the Napa Valley and a few acres of grapes. Unexpectedly, we found ourselves the owners of a large, beautiful wine estate. We now have wineries in both Napa and Sonoma valleys. Eleanor has always been a true partner in all my endeavors, bringing her creativity, honesty and generous spirit to it all — she's wife, mother, artist, filmmaker — collaborator and inspiration. For all this and more, after 50 years of marriage, I want to honor her with 'Eleanor', her own wine. — Francis Coppola

THE LABEL

The floral Art Deco design on the label honors Eleanor's love of textiles. She has traveled the world in pursuit of her passion for unique fabrics. This label reflects her special love for patterns that were prevalent during the Art Deco period.

THE WINE

Similar to Australia's famed Penfold's Grange, Eleanor is a robust red blend that combines fruit from both of the Coppola properties. Blending Syrah with Cabernet Sauvignon from both Rutherford and Sonoma, we've created a unique bottling that is very long lived with exceptional depth and complexity.

THE VINTAGE

Though the 2017 growing season began with a good deal of precipitation, mild spring temperatures gave way to consistently warm weather summer through fall. These conditions created a vintage that delivered smaller than average clusters with exceptional concentration. This year's fruit also sees more tannin to provide framework for the powerful fruit expressions.

THE TASTE

Intensely perfumed with mouth filling flavors, our 2017 Eleanor offers a rich, velvety texture and sophisticated level of complexity. The purity of the fruit gives this vintage polish and the wine has a wealth of structure to evolve further in bottle. Vivid notes of black currants, star anise, cedar and vanilla-tinged oak are followed by succulent palate impressions of candied cherries and cassis. Hints of violets and stone minerals emerge on the long, lush finish.

APPELLATION: Napa Valley & Sonoma County

BLEND: 42% Syrah, Sonoma County
33% Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley
25% Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

BARREL REGIMEN: 18 months in French oak