

CLUB CRUSH PREMIER *March Shipment (#1 - 2021)*

FORMAN VINEYARD 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES:

One wonders if the 2017 was made from blackberries, blueberries or loganberries. All of these beautiful aromas are present plus much more. The 70% new barrel regime is barely noticeable as there is so much fruit to dominate. Flavors, like the aromas, are explosive. Deep berry, some toasty oak, ample extract and perfect balance makes this one very exciting to drink. The 2017 will last a very long time but is also massively drinkable now. Do not miss out on this one!



FormanVineyard.com

WINERY INFO:

Ric Forman founded Forman Vineyard in 1983 to fulfill a dream of producing, as a sole proprietor, small quantities of classically made Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon.

After a three year search of the Napa Valley for the perfect location, he purchased, in 1978, the current winery/vineyard site which is perched on a ridge at the base of Howell Mountain overlooking the town of St. Helena. A remarkable site, it has produced some unusually elegant wines from Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Forman adheres to a philosophy of winemaking which follows a more traditional approach as opposed to technological I designed and built my winery.

Soil or "terroir" and the climate and exposure in which the soil exists are really the essence of a wine's personality. Grape vines are tenacious plants and need to search a bit for their survival in order to thrive and achieve ultimate excellence of fruit quality.

The vineyards are divided into three parcels, each one planted to the four Bordeaux varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Below the winery the "Clos" (enclosure) is deepest in the gravel/sand deposits. Directly above the winery the steeply sloped plot is composed of more dense and larger volcanic rock, so much so that extensive dynamite explosions were needed for rock shattering to facilitate planting. Further up the mountain lies the 3rd parcel which is made up of the same pink gravel but is underlain with a gray volcanic ash. These locations each contribute their subtle differences to the wine, the whole of which is a synergy of complexity.

WINE STATS:

Blend: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon; 12% Cabernet Franc; 6% Petite Verdot; 4% Merlot

Barrel Aging: 22 months; 70% new, 30% once used Bordeaux barrels

Alcohol 14.9%

Total Acidity 0.53 g/100 ml: **pH** 3.88

Production: 2,031 cases

Regular Price. . . . \$119.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$107.99

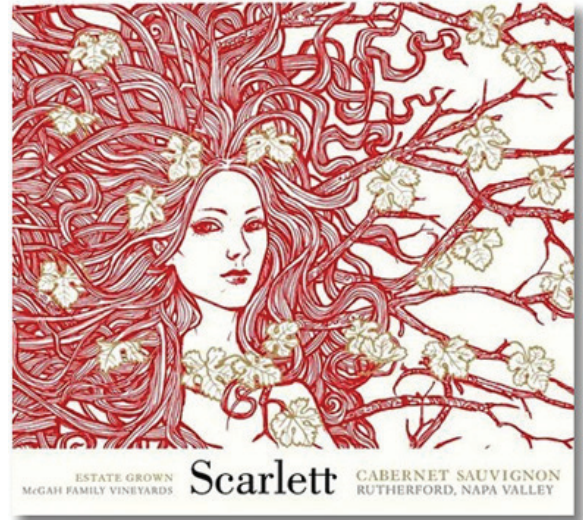
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SCARLETT WINES 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES:

The 2018 McGah Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a brooding, complex, and beautiful Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon that can only be made in this storied appellation. The uplifting aromatics showcase multiple layers of black cassis, red fruits, and earthy components known for this terroir. The mid palate is perfectly balanced with abundant blue, red and black fruits, followed by a full-bodied mouthfeel that hovers across the spectrum of the palate. Perfectly integrated structure and polished tannins lead to a detailed and long finish that carries the signature

Rutherford dust component that our wines are known for. A blend from five of our Cabernet Sauvignon blocks on the estate, this wine showcases the unparalleled terroir of the McGah Vineyard.



ScarlettWines.com

WINERY INFO:

Scarlett Wines is a family operation owned by the McGah family, who are most notably known for co-founding the Oakland Raiders. Representing over four generations of wine growers, the family's personal touch can be felt from the soil to the glass. The winery previously operated under the name McGah Family Cellars and rebranded in 2015 in honor of its flagship wine, Scarlett, which is named after the founder's daughter.

The picturesque McGah family vineyard estates are nestled just north of Oakville and bordering the Silverado Trail, in an area known for its unique terroir. The McGah family takes great pride in that fact that wines produced with our ultra-premium Rutherford bench fruit have been awarded 100 point scores, thanks to our first-class vineyard management team, impeccable farming practices and quality control. Our personal touch is evident throughout our operation, as we hand select grapes each year to ensure consistency vintage after vintage.

Although Rutherford represents a relatively small appellation, its distinct microclimate and soils have made it home to some of the region's most storied wineries. The soils from this upper east-side bench are a mix of red and brown gravelly loam with excellent drainage. The Rutherford American Viticultural Area (AVA) provides the perfect amount of heat to ripen both Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc but also provides the cooler evenings necessary for uniform ripening and full maturity at harvest.

WINE STATS:

Blend: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon; 2% Petite Verdot

Barrel Aging: 85% new French oak across multiple cooperages

Alcohol 14.9%

Total Acidity 0.53 g/100 ml: **pH** 3.79

Production: 2,926 cases

Regular Price. . . . \$74.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$67.49
