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LOS ANGELES

2017 Evenfall, Los Angeles County

The 2017 Evenfall is a mouth-coating, rich, layered and complex wine that showcases the power and potential of Los Angeles terroir. A blend of Tempranillo, Petite Sirah, and touch of Merlot, with extended aging in luxurious new American and French oak, make for an inky, muscular, yet perfectly balanced and elegant wine. This wine will reward cellaring, but is already drinking beautifully.

Vintage Notes

The 2017 vintage in Los Angeles marked the end of California's extreme drought. An extremely wet winter saw the state's reservoirs and water table restored to normal levels. Additionally, the cooler winter set up a longer growing season, which allowed all of our fruit to hang for an additional two to three weeks. The extra time on the vine produced fruit with vibrant and expressive flavors not yet seen in our program.

Winegrowing & Production Notes

In the foothills of the northeast corner of Los Angeles County lies Neenach Ranch Vineyard. At 3,000 ft. elevation on a mild, almost imperceptible slope, this is an ideal site for Tempranillo. The Petite Sirah comes from the Manini Vineyard in Paso Robles, which produces a rich and layered dark berry that adds mid palate and weight to the wine. Smith Family Vineyards, also in Los Angeles County, is the source of the Merlot that brings in a hint softness and floral characteristics. After aging on the lees for 6 months, the wine was racked and settled back into French and American oak barrels (85% new) where it stayed for a total of 30 months.

Tasting Notes

Caramel drenched blackberry pie and blueberry cobbler dominate the intense nose, with fresh leather, white chocolate and amber. A deep, rich core of dark fruits greet the palate with mouth-coating and expansive weight, accented by graphite and pencil shavings. The full, but polished tannins make their appearance, and the fruit extends through a seemingly endless finish of black cherry and spice.

Technical Notes

Vintage:	2017
Varietal(s):	73% Tempranillo, 25% Petite Sirah, 2% Merlot
Appellation:	Los Angeles County
Vineyard Designation:	Neenach Ranch Vineyard, Manini, Smith Family Vineyards
Titrateable Acidity:	.765
pH:	3.76
Fermentation:	Open Top Bins
Aging:	30 months in American & French oak, 85% new
Bottling Date:	February 23rd, 2020
Alcohol:	15.5%
Production:	65 cases
Suggested Retail:	\$100.00 / bottle - 750ml

