



RAMEY

Cabernet Sauvignon
COOLEY RANCH
SONOMA COUNTY

VINEYARDS

Appellation	Sonoma County
Site	Our block of Cooley Ranch sits at 1,325 feet of elevation. The ranch, in its sixth generation of Cooley family ownership, comprises 19,000 acres at the apex of Sonoma County, above Lake Sonoma, beyond Rockpile. Only a sliver of the ranch is planted to vines, with most of its acreage in a protective land trust. Black bears, mountain lions, bobcats, eagles and deer roam its meadows and ravines, with oak, madrone, massive green boulders, and natural springs punctuating the landscape.
Soil	The soil in our block is Montara series, derived from weathered Serpentinite, a metamorphic rock. Serpentinite comes in a range of greens and is named for its visual and textural resemblance to snake scales.
Planted	The Cabernet Sauvignon is a heritage clone (Clone 30) on 101-14 rootstock, planted to 8' x 4' spacing in 2011.

VINTAGE

Growing Season	2017 began with a very wet winter. The summer was mild until a significant heatwave around Labor Day sent growers scrambling to pick the first wave of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. After the heat wave, temperatures were warm and steady, allowing winemakers to make picking decisions based on optimal fruit maturity rather than impending weather. Yields were average to light.
Brix Harvest Date	25.0° October 6

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Fermentation	Spontaneous, native-yeast and malolactic fermentations
Aging	Aging <i>sur lies</i> with bi-monthly <i>bâtonnage</i> coats the tannins and integrates the wood. The 2017 vintage matured 24 months in new French oak barrels (Taransaud). Non-filtered
Cases Alcohol	270 14.5%
Release Date Price	September 2021 \$100

“The 2017 Cooley Ranch is our first Cabernet Sauvignon from Sonoma County. Sitting above the marine layer, the Cabernet at Cooley ripens similarly to mountain-grown Cabernet in Napa, which we have years of experience with. The diversity and wildness of the site seem to inform the wine’s complexity and powerful tannins.” – David Ramey