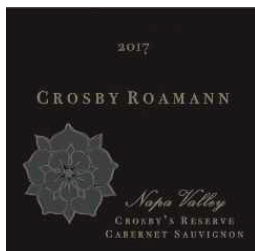


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YEAR'S BEST CABERNETS



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2017 Napa Valley Crosby's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon This is a Coombsville cabernet, harvested from the Harmony School Vineyard in early October and blended with some Calistoga merlot picked a month earlier, when a heat spike propelled it to ripeness. The wine's muscle builds out of mineral-rich tannins, their astringency dynamic rather than blunt, working with powerful grace to shepherd the dark savor of the fruit. Notes of green plum, tobacco and *fines herbes* tame the lusciousness of that fruit, making the wine accessible now.—J.G.