

PEJU

In 1983, Tony and Herta(HB) Peju purchased thirty acres in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. They worked hard to build a winery, plant estate vineyards and raise their family. They remain family-owned, with their two daughters, Ariana and Lisa guiding the business today. Ariana and Lisa are bringing fresh innovation while maintaining the meticulous focus on quality that began over 35 years ago. With its landmark tower and warm hospitality, PEJU Winery is an integral part of the Napa Valley landscape.



NAPA VALLEY

2017 MERLOT

TASTING

This wine is dark garnet in color and offers alluring aromas of star anise, clove, and sweet tobacco. Notes of cherry, cranberry, and cola are echoed on the palate where underlying acidity and structured tannins promise a long life in the cellar. This wine can be enjoyed with a variety of foods such as roasted lamb, pot roast, blue cheese, and wild mushroom risotto.

DETAILS:

Appellation:	<i>Napa Valley</i>
Composition:	<i>76% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot</i>
Oak:	<i>French & American, 40% new</i>
Aging:	<i>18 Months</i>
Harvest:	<i>September 2018</i>
Bottling:	<i>July 2019</i>
Release:	<i>December 2020</i>
Production:	<i>2,487 cases</i>
Alcohol:	<i>14.5%</i>

ACCLAIM (2017 NOT YET RATED)

2016 VINTAGE

97 Points, *American Fine Wine Comp.*
93 Points, *London Fine Wine Comp.*
92 Points, *JamesSuckling.com*
Gold, *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Comp.*

VINEYARDS

We believe that great wines are made in the vineyard and we are committed to farming sustainably and naturally to preserve these properties for the long term. We are a certified Napa Green winery and vineyard. In 2019 all of our estate vineyards were certified Fish Friendly Farming, as apart of our ongoing commitment to sustainability.

VINTAGE

The year began with abundant rainfall, followed by a mild Spring resulting in extended flowering. A Labor Day weekend heatwave kicked harvest into high gear, then cool weather allowed sugar levels to return to normal. Early articles about the 2017 vintage describe the wines with words such as "finesse," "great complexity of flavor" and "elegant."



SRP: \$55