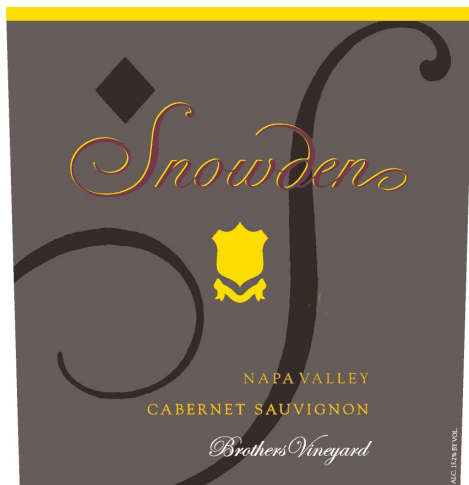


Snowden CABERNET SAUVIGNON BROTHERS VINEYARD - 2017

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VINEYARDS
NAPA VALLEY

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SNOWDEN

Since 1955, the Snowdens have farmed their vineyard high above the Napa Valley. In addition to the stunning views of St. Helena, Rutherford and the San Francisco Bay, the estate offers four separate sites producing remarkably complex and individualistic wines. Winemaking duties are in the capable hands of Diana Snowden Seysses. The winery produces Bordeaux blends from their estate vineyards and a small amount of Sauvignon Blanc from a small parcel they call the Lost Vineyard.

GRAPES / SOILS

Wine	Blend	Vine Age	Soil Type	Vineyard Area ha or acres
Cabernet Sauvignon Brothers Vineyard	100% Cabernet Sauvignon	Replanted 2011	Rhyolite (volcanic) sand	11 acres

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

- Organically farmed 2 acre block on Eastern slope of Palomino Hill, Eastern slope of Napa Valley between Rutherford and St. Helena
- Altitude: 850 feet
- Soils: Rhyolite (volcanic sand)

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested on 9/26/2017
- Fermented with natural native yeasts only
- Aged 17 months in French oak barrels, 50% new, 50% used
- Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered, unblended
- Bottled on 4/26/2019

Winemaker's Notes

The 2017 Brothers shows more depth of character every year. Its brooding aromas of sandalwood, dried tobacco, black currants, and blackberries draw you in. The wine is deep and textured on the palate, with savory, meaty body mingling with plummy cherry. Lingering, long and full, it finishes with lightly dry tannins, with compel for more. As a winemaker, I'm often asked the impossible question: "Which wines is your favorite?" ... a question I will ponder as I finish this glass....

Technical Information

- 100% Cabernet Sauvignon grapes
- Alcohol: 14.7%
- Organically grown grapes

REVIEWS

Cabernet Sauvignon Brothers Vineyard – 2017

93+ Points - Vinous - Antonio Galloni, January, 2020

The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Brothers Vineyard is gorgeous. In this vintage, the Brothers has a bit more tannin and overall structure than normal, but in 2017 a power outage resulted in the wine staying in tank for an extra ten days. In the end, that looks to have been a help, as the 2017 offers a terrific combination of fruit density and structure, within the mid-weight style of the year at Snowden. This is a beguiling wine that may very well turn out to be a surprise in time. Super classic, old-school, medium-bodied wine with good depth and resonance alongside notes of black cherry, leather, tobacco, licorice and gravel. 2022-2037

92 Points - Wine Spectator, August, 2020

Succulent and open in feel, with friendly plum and raspberry puree notes set on a silky structure, backed by light rooibos tea and anise hints. A stylish Cabernet, offering an alluring mouthfeel. Drink now through 2029.

GENERAL INFO

Country	USA
Region	Napa Valley
Appellation(s)	Napa Valley
Proprietors	Scott and Joann Snowden and Randy and Janet Snowden, managing directors of Snowden Vineyards
Founded	1955
Winemaker	Diana Snowden-Seysse
Annual Production	2,900 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable (including no chemical herbicides used in vineyards)