

SQUARE, PLUMB & LEVEL

Square, Plumb & Level (SPL) is about crafting high quality, vineyard-designate wine focused on wine drinkers with experimental and discerning palates. We espouse the idea that bigger is not always better, highlighting varietals/vineyards and winemaking methods that evoke a sense of place, subtlety over capacity, bottle by bottle.

Winemaker, Bill Knuttel

Bill was the founding Winemaker at Saintsbury Winery where he spent 13 years establishing that brand as an international leader in high-end Pinot Noir and Chardonnay rooted in the Burgundian style. Bill then spent 7 years as VP & Winemaker at Chalk Hill Winery specializing in ultra-premium Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris. From 2003 to 2011 Bill was Executive Winemaker at Dry Creek Vineyards where he completely re-honed the styles and quality of that winery's extensive portfolio. We are pleased to have Bill as our Winemaker and close friend.

Peterson Vineyard

Located in the Bradford Mountain area of Dry Creek Valley. Dry-farmed, hillside fruit boasting alluvial soils at an elevation ranging from 650'-1250' putting it above the summer fog line. The vines are cane-pruned, relatively high-vigor 110R, 1103P, 140R and St. George rootstock.

The Wine

We chose Dry Creek Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from Bradford Mountain for its gentle minerality, spicy cedar notes and young tannin. As Cabs tend to be produced today, we ensure the final product is not over-extracted or over-oaked. On the flip side, Cabernet Franc is rarely seen as a blending grape and only truly embraced in France; this piqued our interest. Our Cab Franc displays notes of dark plum and tobacco with a mildly spicy finish. Best decanted if you wish to consume now, or cellared and consumed 10 years from now. SPL is best paired with medium to hearty meats and game, grilled veggies, and ragout dishes.

Vintage: 2017
Blend: 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Cabernet Franc
Profile: Cassis, Blackcurrant, Plum, Tobacco
Brix: 24.3°
Ageing: 18 months in French Oak, 30% New
Francois Freres (Tronçais), Dargaud & Jaegle (Vosges)
Production: 600 cases



92pts GOLD Medal, Cellar Selection – Tastings
Delectable Wine App Score: 9.2 out of 10
Vivino Wine App Score: 4.3 out of 5

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