

2017 *Fidelity Red Wine*

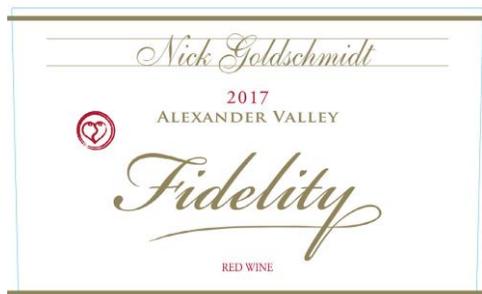
CRAZY CREEK ESTATE

ALEXANDER VALLEY

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10 % Petit Verdot

14 % Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL DATA

Vintage: 2017

Release Date: Sep 2018

Varietal: 76 % Merlot
10 % Petit Verdot
14 % Cabernet Sauv

Vineyard: Crazy Creek

Yield: 4 tons per acre

pH: 3.64

Titrateable Acidity: 6.1 g/L

Alc %: 14.3

Aging: 12 months

Barrels: 15% new French Oak

Another marvelous red from veteran winemaker Nick Goldschmidt. Fidelity is a Bordeaux-styled wine that is rich, smooth, and perfect for casual dining. Fidelity will surprise you with its great taste! Nick Goldschmidt knows all the great spots for growing Cabernet and Merlot in the Alexander Valley. He has farmed The Crazy Creek Estate for over 25 years and just loves the quality of fruit, vintage after vintage. In this blend, Merlot offers a round and silky mouth feel, Cabernet Sauvignon provides structure, and Petit Verdot gives tannin, color, and flavor. Few winemakers offer such quality for the price.

VINTAGE NOTES:

It felt more like a normal year in Sonoma County versus 2016. Bud break came a bit early despite the cool spring. A very mild summer followed and ripening was slow but steady. However, we did receive two heat spikes in the vintage which pushed things along nicely. The hang time for the fruit was nearly ideal. Perfect for flavor and tannin development with sugars staying in check. The clusters filled out nicely with the berries growing to normal size. Harvest was a little later than the last few vintages and a little compressed. Great vintage overall once again.

TASTING NOTES:

Color is a purple hue with a red middle. Aromas of fresh blueberries and red cherries. The touch of French vanilla oak rounds out a very enticing and complex nose. The palate is again fruit driven. Bright and well-structured with red fruit flavors and a supple finish. Tremendous value for a red blend from a winemaker of more than 30 years in the Alexander Valley. Drink now or over the next five years.

Nick Goldschmidt
WINEMASTER