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## 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon



**Appellation:** California

**Varietal:** 87% Cabernet, 9% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot

**Alcohol:** 13.5%    **TA:** 5.8 g/L    **pH:** 3.70

**Oak Regimen:** 19 months in 12% New American oak barrels, 88% in one-year and neutral French and American barrels.

**Vintage Notes:** 2017 ended the states 5 year drought - with well timed rainfall and a dry, hot growing season, we saw amazing quality of fruit.

**Winemaker Notes:** Me and my compadres at Cycles Gladiator have cultivated relationships with some of the top growers in this great state, giving us access to exceptional wine sources and top quality Cabernet. And, in the true spirit of the art of blending, I've taken the liberty of adding a small amount of Merlot and Petit Verdot to add some extra layers and complexity.

**Tasting Notes:** Aromas of dark riparian fruit like blackberry are infused with the faintest hint of dried herbs and cedar. Gobs of raspberry, plum, and black cherry flavors are fully supported with a generous thread of acidity. Tannins are pronounced but pleasingly supple.

**Award winning** winemaker Adam LaZarre started Cycles Gladiator in 2005. LaZarre's philosophy: "I love producing really great wines that taste two to three times the price & knowing that every night someone is enjoying my wine."



### 14 & Counting

Since 2005, Adam's Cycles Gladiator wines have been rated Best Buy Fourteen times by WE



### Quotes from Matt Kettmann

*Central and South Coast Editor, Wine Enthusiast*

**November 2015:** "This twist-top wine by Adam Lazarre is popular for good reason..."

**July 2016:** "There's excitement about the return of this rather iconic bargain brand to the market, and this bottling packs the goods..."

**November 2016:** "This wine and the entire brand often punch above their weight..."