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## 2017 Turnbull Black Labelproduct-timed-pdf - Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville - Attention Collectors! 100pt Napa Cabernet!

### Why We're Drinking It

A special wine for a special occasion, the Vinous 100pt Turnbull Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label from the 2017 vintage is nothing short of spectacular. As winemaker, Peter Heitz says, "This is our 'heart of darkness' wine – at release, showcasing a powerful density of fruit, and later revealing the bones and structure to age elegantly and gracefully. It is our flagship wine, our 'best of the best' barrel offering."

An iconic wine of the Napa Valley, Turnbull's Black Label Cabernet is a special, age worthy bottling for the most discerning of Napa Cabernet enthusiasts. A blend of two preeminent estate vineyards, the Leopoldina and Fortuna, where each provides a unique profile to craft the ultimate blend. The Leopoldina Vineyard is known for its big, dark, hedonistic notes with immense structure and texture while the Fortuna Vineyard provides lift, focus, floral notes and brighter fruit to balance the resulting blend.

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**VARIETAL**  
Cabernet Sauvignon  
**APPELLATION**  
Oakville  
**ALCOHOL**  
14.50  
**SIZE**  
750ml  
**BLEND**  
Cabernet Sauvignon

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### The Story to Know

Turnbull has been making wine of exceptional quality since 1979 in Oakville, with estate-grown fruit carefully tended to from the ground up through to the winery. Turnbull wines are crafted with integrity and without compromise. Our signature is a balanced wine of structure and depth, with an intensity of fruit and polished, elegant texture.

It starts with a painstaking process of vinifying lot by lot, tasting and evaluating each for specific attributes and characteristics. Like a complex puzzle, Winemaker Peter Heitz weaves together a narrative of place, chalking barrels one by one to the final blends. The wines elevate in 100% French Oak barrels and rest in bottle for an extended period before release. This bottling is a signature selection of individual barrels sourced from our estate vineyards in Oakville. Our winemaker crafts the blend by choosing lots that showcase dark, brooding, hedonistic characteristics, with dusty black fruits and an exotic floral lift. The barrels deliver wine of astounding purity and density.

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### Ratings

**100pts, Vinous**

*Peter Heitz made one of the wines of the vintage with Turnbull's 2017 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon. Dark, sumptuous and racy to the core, the Black Label captures all the best the vintage had to offer. Plush and juicy, with silky tannins and exceptional balance, the 2017 is another positively stellar wine. This is an outrageously beautiful Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.*

**95+pts, Robert Parker Wine Advocate**

*Deep purple black colored, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is a little mute to begin, opening out to reveal notions of baked black plums, mulberries and lilacs over a crème de cassis and blueberry preserves core plus a touch of stewed tea. Full-bodied, the palate is filled with perfumed black fruit preserves, framed by grainy tannins and bold freshness, finishing long and fragrant.*

**94+pts, Jeb Dunnuck**

*The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label is a beauty and one of the few 2017s that comes close to rivaling its 2016 counterpart. Ripe black (and some blue) fruits as well as plenty of smoked tobacco, graphite, dark chocolate, and liquid violet notes all emerge from the glass. It's rich, full-bodied, and has plenty of building tannins as well as good acidity. It's a terrific, balanced, ageworthy 2017 that's going to benefit from 3-5 years of bottle age and keep for 20 years or more.*

**94pts, Wine Enthusiast**

*This is a gorgeously inviting, juicy and lengthy estate wine, decadent in plum and dark cherry. With supple tannin, it melds together on the palate, fully integrated and complex, with baking spice, dried herb and a hint of lavender standing by.*

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