

# WAXWING



## 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, Star Lane Vineyard, Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara

**The Vineyards:** Waxwing's first winemaking venture using the king of grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon. I tasted wines made from this vineyard early in 2017 and thought them every bit as delicious as Napa Cabs. When my former UC Davis classmate and winemaker at Star Lane, Tyler Thomas, offered up a small amount to Waxwing I rented a truck and made the drive down the California coast. Star Lane Vineyard is just northwest of Santa Barbara and near the town of Solvang.

**Winemaking:** 100% of the fruit was destemmed. Cold soak lasted seven days in an upright puncheon (French oak barrel) with the top popped off. Fermentation lasted for two weeks at temperatures up to 90 F. The tank was vigorously punched down two to three times per day. The wine was aged in a once-used French oak barrel for fourteen months and bottled with a light filtration.

### **Technical Data:**

24 cases produced

Release date: March, 2019

Alcohol: 14.6%

Ageing: 14 months in once-used French oak barrels

**More Info:** This Cabernet is Waxwing's first foray into the world of Bordeaux varieties. It won't be my last.

**Accolades:** Grapelive 93 Points

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