

PEJU

In 1983, Tony and Herta(HB) Peju purchased thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. They worked hard to build a winery, plant estate vineyards and raise their family. They remain family-owned, with their two daughters, Ariana and Lisa guiding the business today. Ariana and Lisa are bringing fresh innovation while maintaining the meticulous focus on quality that began over 35 years ago. With its landmark tower and warm hospitality, PEJU Winery is an integral part of the Napa Valley landscape.



LEAN IN NAPA VALLEY 2018

INSPIRATION

In honor of our rich heritage, we present the Nostalgia Series, a line of Peju Wine Club exclusive offerings. Spearheaded by Herta (H.B) Peju, each label showcases a beloved photo of our property over the ages. The Sycamore trees at PEJU were planted by Tony in 1986 on the southern side of the driveway entrance from small five gallon containers. In order to create something unique he chose to prune them in a needle-like fashion close to the trunk. Today those magnificent sycamores soar into the sky, creating a partial tunnel to welcome guests and their beauty is nothing short of magical. Just as the sycamores lean in, so do the second generation of Peju's. They are strong female leaders and role models, honoring the past while also introducing new ideas and energy for the future.

VINTAGE

February saw abundant rains, followed by lots of filtered light in spring and early summer. Both bud break and flowering occurred under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. The relatively mild summer followed by extended Fall sunshine and moderate heat created near-ideal conditions for fruit to accumulate flavor complexity.

TASTING

This blend of 54% Cabernet Franc and 46% Merlot reveals complex layers of red fruit, herbal notes, and hints of toasted oak. On the palate red currant and pomegranate mingle with toasted sage and savory herbs. This food friendly wine is backed by structured tannins and elegant acidity creating a long finish.

DETAILS

Appellation: *Napa Valley*
Composition: *54% Cabernet Franc, 46% Merlot*
Oak: *French & American oak*
Aging: *17 months*
Harvest: *October 2018*

Bottling: *August 2021*
Release: *November 2021*
Production: *309*
Winemaker: *Sara Fowler*
Alcohol: *14.3%*

