**Vintage:**
2017

**Varietal:**
52% Merlot
16% Syrah
12% Petite Sirah
10% Cabernet Franc
10% Malbec

**Appellation:**
Sonoma County

**Barrel Aging:**
15 months

**Alcohol:**
13.9%

**pH Level:**
3.79

**Titratable Acidity:**
5.8 g/L

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**Stewards of the Wine Highway:**

For anyone who has visited Sonoma’s Wine country, they will know that Highway 12 is considered the “Wine Highway” spanning from Sebastopol in the Russian River Valley to the west, then rolling East through Sonoma Valley, Carneros, Napa Valley, California’s Delta Region and ending just past Lodi at the San Andreas Fault. We at Highway 12 Winery dedicate ourselves as stewards of the rich tradition and quality of these growing regions along Highway 12 by producing high quality, value driven wines that can be enjoyed by all.

**Sonoma’s Banana Belt**

Vineyard location and terriort are important to us. For this vintage of SRB we have reached back to the very same vineyards for the past nine vintages. The heart of Sonoma Valley represents the lionshare of the fruit source. Robust Merlot and Syrah from the “banana belt” combined with accent touches of Cab Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec showcase our cherished region. As a result, we achieve a wine with depth and balanced tannins supported by appropriate alcohol levels.

**Tasting Notes:**

A fruity, leathery nose offers a glimpse into what unfolds on the palate. Hearty bright notes of ripe plum, currant jelly and a tinge of sweet tobacco fill your senses with the first sip.

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