



**2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON**  
**OAKVILLE AVA**  
*DRIFT ROWS*

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<i>Release Date</i>	January, 2020
<i>Production</i>	8 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	Oakville AVA – Oakville 88
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietors Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 22 months in 100% French oak, 80% new
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p>The Oakville 88 vineyard, owned by expert grower Oscar Renteria, sits right on the border of Oakville and Rutherford, a proverbial stone’s throw away from where Kirk and Justin produced the first HUNNICUTT wines at Saddleback Cellars. We've dubbed this release Drift Rows as in his teenage years it was on the road adjacent to our rows that Justin would race his white Volkswagen Rabbit and practice "drifting" on the shoulder. Though his drifting career never materialized, we do want to take credit for spreading some dirt around and contributing to the complex terroir of this site.</p> <p>2017 will always be defined by the fires that began in Napa and Sonoma in the midst of harvest on October 8th, 2017. The winery and our team were thankfully spared from any direct damage to property and homes; however three of our vineyard sites had yet to be picked in the affected areas. Once picked and fermentation began, we assessed the resulting wines from those sites and while an unfortunate loss, it was an easy decision to make to declassify and remove them from consideration. Happily we’re working on a little side project with our friends at Old Trestle Distillery to turn those lots into some top shelf brandy, so hopefully we’ll have something fun to share around 2024!</p> <p>This wine will be a wonderful addition to any cellar and will reward careful aging over the next 10+ years. That said, if like us your palate rewards bright fruit and fine grain tannins, feel free to enjoy over the next 3 to 5 years with a long decant and a thoughtfully paired meal.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt</i>	HUNNICUTT 2018 CUTT Chardonnay
<i>Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2018 CUTT Pinot Noir HUNNICUTT 2017 Cuvée Équité

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