

# 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## SONOMA COUNTY

*84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, with Malbec, Mourvedre and Syrah*

ALCOHOL 14.8% | BOTTLING JUNE 2018 | CASE PRODUCTION 84,600  
AGING 18 MONTHS, 100% FRENCH OAK | WINEMAKER CHRIS LOUTON

### VINTAGE

Harvest in 2016 started in the middle of August during a pattern of warm sunny days cooled by foggy mornings and breezy afternoons for most of the area. The early months of the year were very mild with little rain allowing the vines to progress steadily and uneventfully. Yields throughout the region were slightly below average but moderate weather starting in early summer gave the fruit plenty of time to develop great color and flavor, resulting in beautifully balanced wines.

### VINEYARDS

Fruit for our Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon comes from our estate vineyards in the Sonoma and Russian River Valleys, as well as from growers in Sonoma County's other top appellations, including Dry Creek Valley and Alexander Valley. Each carefully selected vineyard contributes distinctive and individual qualities to the finished wine.

### WINEMAKING

All grapes are gently de-stemmed before cold-soaking for two days to extract optimal color and flavor. The fruit is fermented in separate lots, allowing each lot to be individually and distinctly crafted before being aged in French oak barrels, 20% new. The wines are kept 18 months in barrel before final blending.

### TASTING NOTES

Balanced and vibrant, this medium-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon shows off expressive aromas and flavors of dark, red fruits and berries with notes of black licorice, cocoa powder, dried sage and toast. The oak is well-integrated for good structure and a smooth, lingering finish.

### ACCOLADES

Double Gold Medal | San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition



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