

PROFILE

COLLECTION

2016 PROFILE NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

BLEND

- 92% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 8% Petit Verdot

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VINEYARD

Profile Estate Vineyard

HARVEST DATES

September 12-22, 2016

BRIX AT HARVEST

24-25°

COOPERAGE

75% new from Tronçais in the center of France

ÉLEVAGE

26 months

ALCOHOL

14.7%

TA

5.7 g/L

PH

3.8



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WINEMAKING

Our Profile proprietary red blend showcases the very best fruit from each harvest, sourced exclusively from our gorgeous hillside estate vineyard located east of St. Helena. Overlooking the Napa Valley, the Profile Estate Vineyard lies on an eastern ridge at almost one thousand feet of elevation. Planted in 1997 by David Abreu, Michel Rolland and then winemaker Bob Levy, the 25-acre vineyard is comprised of four different clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, along with two acres of Petit Verdot and one acre of Cabernet Franc. The steep slopes, rocky soils and volcanic ash bedrock make it a very challenging site to farm, yet this vineyard consistently delivers grapes that stand out for their plush fruit character, complexity and silky tannin.

The grapes were hand-harvested at night in order to get the fruit into the cellar by very early morning and at its freshest. Each block was slowly harvested and the Petit Verdot was co-fermented with the Cabernet Sauvignon to integrate as early as possible. Native fermentation began after a 5-day cold soak and reached a peak temperature of 85°F. Fermentation lasted from 18 to 28 days. The wines were then drained to barrels where malolactic fermentation occurred. We aged the wine for 26 months in 75% new French oak barrels from Tronçais in the center of France. The wine was bottled without fining or filtration.

VINTAGE

The near-perfect 2016 growing season started early, saw ideal weather conditions throughout and wrapped up as the valley's first significant fall rainstorm arrived on October 14. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August and then a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness. For us, 2016 was a very interesting vintage for hillside vineyards, showing a lot of depth and elegance thanks to the slow growing season and beautiful weather in fall. The 2016 wines have quietly developed in the cellar and it would appear that Mother Nature has provided a fifth consecutive vintage of stellar quality Napa Valley wines.

SENSORY IMPRESSIONS

The 2016 Profile has beautiful color and the nose opens with savory herbs, chocolate, roasted notes and cherry reduction. The mouth starts with a broad entry and a lot of tension. This wine shows a bit more delicate approach compared to the 2015 but has great complexity and shows seductive, savory flavors with pretty, soft tannins. The 2016 Profile will continue to develop and gain complexity for many years. Cellared properly, this wine can be enjoyed for up to 30 years. Decant this wine in its youth.