

MERRYVALE

VINEYARDS

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



Winemaking

Drawn from three top Napa vineyards: Stagecoach, Hardman and Rancho Chimiles with each vineyard fermented separately in small tanks. Native fermentation started after a 5-day cold soak and reached a peak temperature of 90°F. The wines were pumped over a few times a day until dry and then pressed and drained to barrels where malolactic fermentation occurred. Aged in 50% new medium toast French oak barrels, the wine matures for 22 months before being bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

Vintage

The near-perfect 2016 growing season started early and saw ideal weather conditions throughout. 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.

Tasting Notes

2016 was a great year for classic wine lovers with a very even growing season and a fairly late harvest. Cabernet Sauvignon ripened slowly and gave us wines with soft tannins, delicate flavors and great balance. These wines will continue to develop and show a lot of complexity and secondary flavors as they age.

The wine opens with abundant dark fruit on the nose such as plum, blackberry and cherries, with a touch of leather and graphite. On the mouth it starts with lively acidity that brings a freshness to the wine, then it evolves on soft tannins and a very velvety texture—already showing great! There is a lot of tension and drinkability with this wine at release so it can be enjoyed immediately. This wine sets the standard for high quality Napa Cabernets and will age beautifully for the next 15 years.

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| Appellation: | Napa Valley |
| Blend: | 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 6% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Franc |
| Vineyards: | Stagecoach, Hardman, Rancho Chimiles |
| Cooperage: | 50% new medium toast French oak barrels for 22 months |
| Alc: | 14.7% |
| PH: | 3.7 |
| TA: | 6.0 g/L |

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