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## NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2016

**VINEYARD** We only make a “Napa Valley” Cabernet Sauvignon when we feel that the sum of the parts are equally as brilliant as any one of our single vineyard wines. To get to that end, we taste and work with all our vineyards to find the right blend. The vineyards we experimented with in 2016 are from Mt. Veeder, Spring Mountain, and Soda Canyon.

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**WINEMAKING** The 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet is a blend from three distinct very steep, mountain single vineyards on Soda Canyon, Mt. Veeder and Spring Mountain. The final blend ended up being 100% Cabernet from clones 4 and 337. All three lots were fermented separately and then, after several blending trials, assembled. Like all of our Cabernets, this was bottled both unfinned and unfiltered after 18 months in new Darnajou and Taransaud.

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**WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES** The 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet is a mountain-fruit, dominant blend that shows the amazing texture and structure that is to be expected from 2016. This is all dark fruits and meats on the nose. On the palate, there is fantastic richness, mouth-coating tannins and sweet fruit.

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**VINTAGE** To put it simply – this was one of our great modern vintages in the Napa Valley. It almost had a Bordeaux feeling to it – moderate rainfall for all but three months before the real rains arrived in October. By then, everything was in the barn. No significant heat spikes, which made for a very long even growing season. The only complaint I had with all our vineyard sites was, I wish I had harvested more grapes. Cluster size and weights were down, and we were 20% off of average when we finished picking. It was one of those years you wish you just had more grapes. Spectacular quality, both reds and whites. The wines have deep colors, structure, concentration, and depth of flavor.

**CASES PRODUCED:** 300

**RETAIL BOTTLE PRICE:** \$95

