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## 2016 CABERNET FRANC NAPA VALLEY

### *Vintage*

It isn't often that you can claim a near-perfect growing season, but in 2016 we could do just that. Moderate rainfall, a low number of frost hours and a lazy spring brought bud into flowering and then into fruit in a steady flow. July and August were relatively mild – perfect for veraison - with warmer days coming in September and the beginning of October. 2016 marks the fifth consecutive stellar vintage of Napa Valley wines, another pearl on the strand for quality perfection in Napa Valley wines.

### *Vineyard*

Our family vineyard is located on 40 acres of Napa Valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail. It has well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils and is characterized by its ability to produce complex wines with well-defined fruit flavors, gentle acids, and naturally balanced tannins. Our Cabernet Franc is a combination of the Titus Estate Vineyard and Sugarloaf Mtn vineyard in South Napa. The combination of slightly cooler climate Cabernet Franc from Sugarloaf and the Titus Cabernet Franc makes for an exciting blend of Cab Franc characteristics, combining the power of St Helena and the grace and floral notes of South Napa.

### *Vinification*

After the fruit was received at the winery, it was destemmed directly to a tank where it was fermented for 14 days. After fermentation, the free run wine was drained from the tank and racked to barrel. This wine was racked quarterly during the first year.

### *Wine Profile*

The aromas present here are bright and perfumed, with hints of cherry, red currant, Mexican chocolate and dried basil. That sweet and savory nose is followed up on the palate with a tasty combination of dried cranberries, pomegranate, plum sauce, cardamom, and vermouth. Elegance lingers on the palate, while tannins fill the mouth and drive the finish. Settle in with this wine as you enjoy salmon, roast chicken or leg of lamb. Enjoy through 2028.

### *Technical Information*

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Release:	October 2018
Winemaker:	Stephen Cruzan	Barrel Aging:	20 months
Appellation:	Napa Valley		French & Hungarian Oak
Harvest Date:	September/October 2016		50% New
Blend:	79.5% Cabernet Franc	Alcohol:	14.5%
	10.5% Cabernet Sauvignon	Total Acidity:	.57 g/100 ml
	10% Malbec	pH:	3.78
Cases Produced:	1056		

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