



## 2016 ANDRONICUS RED WINE 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 another mild spring lead to early bud break into flowering and then to fruit set in a steady rhythm. 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, located on the valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail, possesses 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. The Cabernet Sauvignon vines vary in age. They were most recently planted between the years 1996 to 2001 and are a combination of the 337 and See clones. Further north, our Ehlers Lane Vineyard consists of a stony, dry streambed and a knoll composed of thin gravelly soil over hard volcanic ash. Planted entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon these infertile soils produce low yields of grapes with concentrated flavors.

### *Wine Profile*

The 2016 Andronicus is a bright wine that shows the exuberance and freshness of youth. The wine exhibits aromas of red currant, licorice, dried basil, and potpourri. The addition of more Cabernet Sauvignon in this year's blend brings on a nicely balanced deeper mouthfeel. It shows flavors of spice cake, plum, candied cherry while the finish is rounded out with hints of baker's chocolate, cocoa, and cinnamon. The tannins are smooth and round while the acidity keeps the wine bright on the palate making this blend of Bordeaux varieties delicious on release. Enjoy now through 2023.

### *Technical Information*

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Cases Produced:	2036
Winemaker:	Stephen Cruzan	Bottled:	June 2018
Blend:	66% Cabernet Sauvignon 11% Malbec 11% Cabernet Franc 7% Petit Verdot 5% Merlot	Aging:	22 months in barrel
Appellation:	Napa Valley		