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2016 Lot 1 Family Estate 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 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.

Wine Profile

During blending trials of the 2016 Lot 1 the vibrancy of the Petite Sirah shined through making it the dominant variety in a blend of 55% Petite Sirah, 24% Petit Verdot, 15% Malbec and 6% Zinfandel. It is a rich deep wine with aromas of blueberry compote, cherry soda, liquorish, saddle leather and vanilla. The texture is plush and full as the wine flows over your palate with the deep smooth tannins that give this wine its signature style. Blackberry soda, graham cracker, anise and molasses lead the way smoothing out to lavish dark chocolate and boysenberry syrup on the finish. Enjoy through 2034.

Technical Information

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Cases Produced:	398
Winemaker:	Stephen Cruzan	Release:	May 2019
Appellation:	Napa Valley	Barrel Aging:	20 Months
Blend:	55% Petite Sirah		60% New French Oak
	24% Petit Verdot		Hungarian Oak
	15% Malbec	Alcohol:	15.1%
	6% Zinfandel	Total Acidity:	.66 g/100 ml
		pH:	3.88

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