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2016 MALBEC 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.

Vinification

The 2016 Malbec was harvested between September 19th and October 12th of 2016. It was gently destemmed and then pumped to tank. It was fermented on the skins for 10-14 days and then drained at the completion of alcoholic fermentation. After draining it was racked to 55% new barrels, 70% of which are Hungarian Oak and 30% French Oak, to barrels for aging. It was then racked quarterly for the first year before being racked to tank in May for bottling.

Wine Profile

The 2016 Malbec is an alluring wine that displays the finesse and fantastic growing season that was the 2016 vintage. The wine has a beautiful bouquet with pomegranate, raspberry, boysenberry, violets and hints of vanilla. The silky-smooth entry leads to a seamless palate with fine tannins that give the wine a sleek structure and a core of delicious fruit. Black cherry, blackberry preserves and mulberry great your palate as they fade to warm spice flavors and a toasty crème brulee note on the finish. Enjoy through 2029.

Technical Information

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Cases Produced:	342
Winemaker:	Stephen Cruzan	Release:	February 2019
Appellation:	Napa Valley	Barrel Aging:	18 Months
Blend:	83% Malbec	Alcohol:	15.1%
	10.5% Cabernet Sauvignon	Total Acidity:	.61 g/100 ml
	6.5% Merlot	pH:	3.73

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