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## 2016 FAMILY ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### 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 Estate Reserve vineyard, located on Ehlers Lane, consists of a stony, dry streambed and a knoll composed of thin gravelly soil over hard volcanic ash. Planted entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon, clone 337, these infertile soils produce low yields of grapes with concentrated flavors. To this we add our blending varietals, grown further south on our Ranch House Estate. Located on the valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail, it 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.

### Vinification

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested in the two-week period from September 27th-October 12th of 2016. All the 2016 fruit was fully harvested before the rain started to fall on the 14th. It was gently destemmed and then pumped to a tank. It was fermented on the skins from 10-14 days and then drained at the completion of alcoholic fermentation. After draining it was racked to 100% new French Oak barrels for 22 months of aging. It was then racked quarterly for the first year before being racked to tank in September 2018 for bottling.

### Wine Profile

The 2016 Titus Family Estate Reserve Cabernet is a beautiful wine that highlights the very best of our Ehlers Lane vineyard. Like the grapes, the vineyard produces this Cabernet is concentrated and rich with an enticing structure and robustness. The aromas are reminiscent of dark cherry, boysenberry, toffee, berry pie, coffee, and dark chocolate. The palate is instantly filled with flavors of blackberry, black currant, rum raisin, and berry compote. The core of lush fruit leads to a finish rife with cocoa powder, warm spice, milk chocolate and radiant tannins that extend the finish. Enjoy from 2022-2033 and beyond.

### Technical Information:

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Bottled:	September 2018
Winemaker:	Stephen Cruzan	Cases Produced:	1212
Appellation:	Napa Valley	Release:	October 2018
Harvest Date:	September 27 – October 12	Barrel Aging:	100% New French Oak,
Blend:	88% Cabernet	Alcohol:	14.9%
	8% Petit Verdot	Total Acidity:	6.0
	4% Malbec	pH:	3.76