

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Blend: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot

Vineyard Notes: Grown on our 18-acre estate mountain vineyard at elevations of up to 2,200 feet in rocky red volcanic soil. The vineyard is CCOF Organic and Demeter Biodynamic certified. On the ranch we pursue a true biodynamic "closed system," where biodynamic preparations are sourced primarily from our property. A picturesque aspect of this is our Scottish Highland cattle, which play an important role.

The 2016 growing season exhibited moderate temperatures. We saw slow, even development and ripening in the vineyard which allowed for long hang time. This gave the wine complexity, depth of color and flavors, and balance of fruit and acid. Harvest was September 27th through October 1st. Three tons per acre.

Winemaker's Notes: Hand crafted in an old-world style. We use minimal intervention in the cellar to bring the highest expression of our Lake County Red Hills vineyard's terroir to every glass.

Alcohol: 14.1%; Ph 3.54; Cooperage: Aged 22 months in 100% French oak (80% new);

Production: 1700 cases

Tasting Notes: On the nose rich notes of blackberries cassis, moist forest floor, bit of suede notes and tarragon. The palette characterization has gorgeous acidity backed with blackberry notes, white pepper, a bit of bay leaf note, as well as freshly ground spices.



Accolades

92 Points, Gold *Critics Challenge International Wine Competition* **91 Points, Gold** *Sommelier Challenge International Wine Competition*

