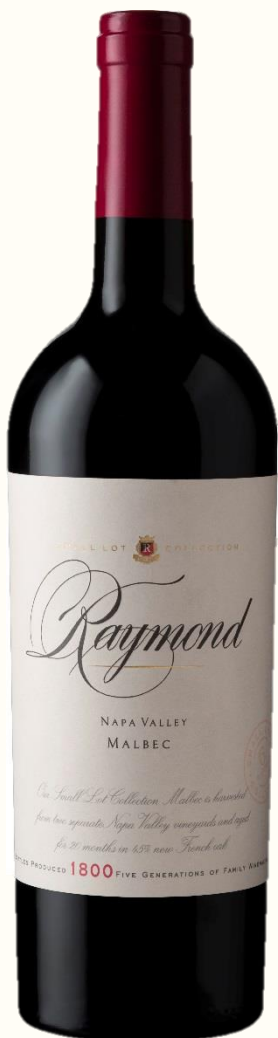


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2016 Small Lot Collection Napa Valley Malbec



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley
Varietal: 97% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.54
TA: 6.3 g/L
Aging: Aged for 20 months in French oak,
47% new French oak
Case Production: 163 cases

IN THE VINEYARD

The 2016 vintage across California was a near-perfect growing season. A mild winter and spring led to a steady mild July and August, followed by warm days at the end of the season for the perfect ripeness. With warm days and cool nights in the summer, grape growers were able to maintain ideal acid levels with balanced, concentrated fruit flavors.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Our Small Lot Collection Malbec grapes come from our Rutherford Estate that is farmed organically and biodynamically. A small portion of Cabernet Sauvignon that is blended into this wine comes from a vineyard in Yountville that is planted on Cortina Loam soil. Our 2016 Malbec was fermented according to the regulations of organic and biodynamic winemaking and was pressed off at dryness after 23 days. After an extended maceration, the Cabernet Sauvignon was pressed off after 53 days. This Malbec is 100% barrel-aged for 20 months in Seguin Moreau French oak barrels, 47% new.

WINE PROFILE

This 2016 Small Lot Malbec bursts open with fresh fruit aromas of blackberry, plum, kumquat and slight citrus notes. On the palate, this juicy wine features flavors of blueberry, boysenberry and toasted oak with hints of wild flowers and baking spice. A full body and rich mouthfeel lead to well-balanced tannins and a long, enjoyable finish.