



2016 Family Classic Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: North Coast

Varietals: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petite Sirah, 4% Petit Verdot, 1% Merlot,

Alcohol: 13.5% by vol.

pH: 3.80

TA: 5.5 g/L

AGING: Aged mostly in stainless steel tanks and some in neutral French oak

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

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 WINEMAKERS

We used Cabernet grapes from three unique appellations, resulting in a fun and diverse wine to make. The blend is comprised of fruit from the Napa Valley, Sonoma County, and Lake County. The fruit from Napa Valley provides the fullest expression of black fruits and integrated tannins; Sonoma County's fog influence produces grapes that give the wine structure, balance and acidity; Lake County's growing season is short, making for red, jammy wines that are easy to enjoy. Small amounts of Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot and Merlot were added before bottling to provide depth & structure to the final blend.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2016 Family Classic North Coast Cabernet Sauvignon pays homage to the Raymond family's five generation tradition of sharing their love of winemaking. This wine opens with rich aromas of black tea and tobacco with a hint of minerality. Jammy flavors of Bing cherry, mulberry, sand plum are balanced with an earthy characteristic. This soft, approachable wine has a plush mid-palate and a lingering finish.