

WINE: 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CLASSIFICATION: Larkmead vineyards

PRODUCTION: 3,029 CASES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 94% CABERNET SAUVIGNON 6% PETIT VERDOT

SOIL PROFILE: CORTINA (GRAVEL) BALE LOAM (SAND) PLEASANTON LOAM (CLAY)

ALCOHOL:

FRENCH OAK AGING: 19 Months, 60% NEW Tonnelleries demptos & ermitage

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon leads with an alluring amount of spice and red fruit that sits atop a black soy note and an earthy and loamy base. The aromas are warm and inviting: a bit of leather and bittersweet chocolate wrap notes of purple flowers and the flesh of ripe plums, graphite and tobacco.

Bramble, earth, dried herb, red cherry and black berries are all interwoven on the palate. There is a succulent amount of red and black fruit painted with a chocolate coating. This is a quietly explosive Cabernet Sauvignon that engages your palate, finishing with a dry, dusty tannin that feels like it is not born in the Napa Valley. This is a classically built wine with structure for it to be timeless. The drying tannins leave you desirous of a second sip.

DRINKING WINDOW

The balance in this wine is superb and will allow for early, easy drinking but aging will also be rewarded if you cellar the wine for an additional five to ten years from its vintage date to reveal its secondary characteristics. Drink now and for 20+ years.