



*AVA:* Napa Valley  
*Composition:* 78% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
12% Merlot, 6% Petite Sirah,  
4% Malbec  
*Alcohol:* 13.5%  
*TA:* 5.76 g/L  
*pH:* 3.67



## 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Sitting at the crossroads of Carneros and Napa Valley, Starmont occupies a portion of the historic Stanly Ranch. Established as a wine growing region over 150 years ago, Carneros and Napa Valley are world renowned for sustainably growing classic Burgundian and Bordeaux wines. With foggy mornings and cool afternoon bay breezes creating the perfect conditions, Starmont wines are expressive, approachable and distinctly Carneros.

### Wine Notes

Grown in top vineyards across the Napa Valley, Starmont Cabernet lots were hand selected for their rich, robust flavors and fine tannins. Very dark red in color, with aromas of dark berries and some herbs with background notes of baking spices. Fruit flavors along with subtle toasty oak are framed by well balanced acidity and well resolved tannins. The finish shows great structure with well integrated and resolved tannins. Ours is a restrained style Napa Cab, not over-ripe or overly extracted. Meant to be balanced and approachable on its own, and also pair well with food.

### Winemaking

All of the fruit was handpicked and hand sorted. We harvest the fruit in the early morning to preserve the fresh flavors and keep the skins intact. Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were carefully sorted and de-stemmed, but not crushed, leaving over 90% whole berries. After a cold presoak an average of 2 days, the Cabernet Sauvignon and other varietals were fermented traditionally (82-86°F for 9 days). The wine spent an average of 14 days on the skins and was aged 15 months in a combination of French and American oak (30% new). The wine was bottled without fining.