



**Vintage**

2016

**Varietal**

84% Cabernet Sauvignon  
5% Malbec  
4% Merlot  
4% Cabernet Franc  
3% Petit Verdot

**Appellation**

Oak Knoll District of  
Napa Valley

**Harvest**

September 13–October 19

**Oak**

18 months, 54% new

**Alcohol**

14.1%



## 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon

Our Cabernet Sauvignon vines are planted in the gravelly soils of our estate vineyard in the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. These well-drained soils, combined with limited yields and our moderate climate, produce Cabernet Sauvignon fruit with complex flavors and a signature brightness on the palate.

### The Vintage

Much of our winter rain came late, with almost 12 inches in March alone. With a very warm spring, the vines were running about three weeks early heading into the summer months. July and August were cooler than average, with foggy mornings, mild sunny afternoons and no severe heat spells. Vineyard temperatures rose again in September and harvest dates were early by about two weeks. The heat in the spring and again in the fall provided welcome bookends to the mild summer. The grapes benefited from increased hang time and showed fantastic character development.

### The Wine

Deep purple ruby in color, the wine has fruit driven aromas of plum, cherry and a hint of bay leaf. The palate is rich and concentrated with flavors of red fruits, baking spice and vanilla. Our Cabernet Sauvignon is ready to be enjoyed with your next meal or to rest in your cellar for future enjoyment.

### Food Affinities

For the perfect match, start with a finer cut of beef and flavor with thyme, black pepper or rosemary. Mushrooms make an excellent side dish. For something unexpected and delightful, pair this wine with rare Ahi tuna in a peppercorn crust.

**92 POINTS** (v. 2016)

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**BEST CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

**PLATINUM** (v. 2016)

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**TOP 100 WINES FOR 2018 ~ #29** (v. 2015)

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**94 POINTS** (v. 2015)

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