



2016 HAYES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Hayes Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine that embodies the history of what was once known as the Hayes Valley in California. The region was well known for its production of wine grapes for the missions that spread throughout California. The valley had rich fertile soil and produced great yields to accompany high quality grapes. This Cabernet Sauvignon is made in an old world style, showcasing balance, elegance and a full bodied style of wine with bright fruit characteristics.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2016 growing season was a welcome relief for wine producers, as 2015 was one of the most difficult and lowest yield vintages to date. In the final year of a long drought, 2016 brought on an early bud break giving rise to a quick and fast start to the season. A prolonged spring with mild temperatures allowed for vines to adjust to the lack of water in the soil profile. The vines then quickly shot up with vigor as the warm summer months came. The summer was seasonably above average giving us much tougher skins on the grapes and a condensed/smaller fruit size upon full veraison. The above average temperatures carried through to the fall and lasted through harvest giving us even ripening and above average quality grapes. 2016 was truly one of the best growing seasons in decades and gave us some of the highest quality grapes we have ever seen on our estate.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from some of the finest growing regions and vineyards from throughout California. The grapes are handpicked and hand sorted prior to a 72 hour cold soak at 40 degrees F. During fermentation the wine is pumped over 4 times per day during peak fermentation to maximize extraction. Post fermentation the wine is held on skins for 24 hours to extend maceration and provide even more color and tannin extraction. The wine is then aged on 25% New French Oak and 10% New American Oak and the remainder is aged on a mix of neutral American and French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Color: Bright Purple and Slightly Clear to Opaque

Aroma: Black Currant, Vanilla Bean and Wet Stone

Flavor: Bright Cherry, Fresh Herbs and Vanilla

Structure: Medium Acidity and Medium to High Tannins

Pairing: Braised Short Ribs and Garlic Mashed Potatoes

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blend: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot

Aged: 14 months on 25% New French Oak, 10% New American Oak, 65% Neutral French and American Oak

Harvest date: 9/1 – 10/25

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.0

PH: 3.59

TA: 0.64

Bottling Date: -12/12/17

Alcohol %: 13.5%

