FLORA SPRINGS

2016 WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon combines fruit from Flora Springs' sustainably-farmed estate vineyards in St. Helena, Rutherford and Oakville. The hand harvested grapes were cold-soaked for several days to extract flavor and color prior to fermentation. Several lots underwent extended maceration to refine and soften the tannins, and all lots were aged in a combination of French (79%) and American (21%) oak barrels for 19 months prior to blending. This is a rich and satisfying Cabernet with warm flavors of blackberry compote, cassis, vanilla crème and mocha. A hint of wild chaparral is noticeable after several sips along with notes of sweet oak and espresso. The warm tones and juicy tannins give an overall impression of softness, but the wine is backed with a refreshing acidity that promises aging well into the next decade. This Cabernet would make a wonderful companion for rare-cooked meats, classic cheese fondue, rosemary-braised lamb shanks, or beef carpaccio with wild arugula.

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation:	*Napa Valley*
Varietal:	*100% Cabernet Sauvignon*
Cases Produced:	*4500*
Aging:	*19 months in French (79%) and American (21%) oak barrels*
Suggested Retail Price:	*$50*
Enjoyability:	*Drink now through 2028 for optimum enjoyment.*

ON THE VINE

An early bud break followed by warm weather and spring rains brought a rapid start to the 2016 growing season, a near perfect year with beautiful weather from bloom, to berry set, to veraison and harvest in our Napa Valley estate vineyards. Our winemaker and vineyard managers – Paul Steinauer and Pat and Sean Garvey - worked closely together as the season progressed to ensure grapes ripened uniformly, adjusting vine canopies, thinning fruit and keeping a close eye on soil moisture. The harvest began in mid-August and wrapped up by mid-October, just ahead of the valley's first significant fall rainstorm.

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