

Buehler Vineyards 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Our 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from Cabernet Sauvignon grown on our estate hillside vineyards (30%) in conjunction with grapes from other mature, high-quality, low-yielding Napa Valley vineyards located on the valley floor. Comprised of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot, the blend produces a wine that displays a broad spectrum of aromas, flavors, and textures that Cabernet can show in the Napa Valley tempered by the silky, calming influence of Merlot to the structured core.

The 2016 Napa Valley harvest delivered an early, high quality Cabernet Sauvignon crop that left us wishing for more of a good thing. Yields across our Napa Valley vineyards were down an average of 20% or so from 2015. Average daytime high temperatures were also slightly below average making for slower, more even ripening as well as a less frenzied pace at the winery. As with most early harvests, the late October rains were welcomed since all grapes had long been picked and were safely fermenting away at the winery.

Following a seven-day fermentation, the wine was transferred to barrels before initiating the malolactic fermentation; keeping the wine “dirty” when young greatly increases the impression of roundness and smoothness in the finished wine. The 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was raked four times in the first year of aging to encourage aromatic and tannin development. It was aged a total of 18 months in a blend of French and American oak barrels.

The wine is brimming with fruit aromas and flavors biased to the black fruit end of the Cabernet spectrum: plums, blackberry, and black currant. Rich and full-bodied on the palate, this Cabernet drinks well on release but will soften and develop with additional age. For those who seek youthful fresh Cabernet fruit aromas and a more structured wine, drink it from 2018 through 2022. If you prefer the less fruity, more developed bottle bouquet aromas and a softer, more velvety wine on the palate, drink it from 2023–2033.

David Cronin
Winemaker

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Appellation	Napa Valley
Varietal Composition	90% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Merlot
TA	0.65 g/100 ml
pH	3.65
Alcohol	14.8% vol
Production	14,000 cases
Suggested Retail	\$35.00



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VALLEY 2016

Hints of graphite, ripe cassis, cherries and violets all align nicely to quality cabernet here. The palate delivers a ripe and approachable core of fleshy, round plum-flavored fruit with spicy oak to close. Drink or hold.