



## 2016 29 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**Composition:** 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot

**Harvest Dates:** September 29 – October 10, 2016

**Barrel Age:** 20 months, 80% new, 100% French Oak

**Cooperage:** Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage, Baron

**Bottling Date:** June 21, 2018

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**pH/TA:** 3.74 / 0.55

**Release Date:** Fall 2019

**Cases Produced:** 585

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**THE VINEYARD** Our 29 Estate Vineyard sits on a hillside just at the “pinch” of Napa Valley’s hourglass shape. Excellent airflow provides natural frost protection, while the fertile clay loam soils encourage deeply rooted vines, yielding powerfully concentrated cabernet sauvignon tempered by markedly floral, velvet elegance and explosive aromatic.

**THE VINTAGE** The 2016 growing season in Napa Valley was long, warm and nearly perfect. The mild Spring promoted early budburst while calm conditions ensured a full fruit set. The summer was warm but relatively uneventful in terms of heat spikes or rain events. August and September were moderate and allowed us to carefully plan out a long, extended, low stress harvest. The finished wines possess explosive aromatics, intense fruit flavors, and good structure. Not as firm and structured as 2013 but more so than 2014, the 2016 wines show excellent aging potential.

**THE WINE** Violets, black currants, brambly blackberry and cocoa powder jump out of the glass. The entry is full and mouth coating with black cassis, blueberry compote, and hints of smoked meats and mocha. The perfect harmony between power and finesse, the ‘29 Estate’ Cabernet possesses such richness and concentration with a velvety texture and firm acid and tannin profile. Incredibly balanced and complex throughout, this estate Cabernet will be shining for over two decades.