



# CLOS PEGASE

NAPA VALLEY

2016

## HOMMAGE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TENMA VINEYARD, CALISTOGA

**HOMMAGE CABERNET SAUVIGNON** is our flagship wine, highlighting our top Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards blocks and world class winemaking, resulting in a wine of balance, complexity and character.

### VINTAGE NOTES

A near perfect growing season in 2016 ensured that our harvest was of extremely high quality. Benefiting from early bud break and plenty of spring rain, we saw early growth of the young canopy. As the temperatures started to rise and the rain events became less frequent, the vines flowered, moving into bloom with optimum conditions, helping to promote a successful and abundant fruit set. The drought conditions of the previous years were starting to recede as we maintained a full soil moisture profile for much of the early growing season in all our vineyards. As we moved into veraison —the period where the small green berries start to develop color, gain sugar and lose their acidity— we began to see the true potential that 2016 was offering. It was fortunate that the rains held off until mid-October, as we were able to harvest our vineyards at precisely the right time, optimizing fruit flavor intensity while retaining the natural bright balanced acidity of the grape.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Picked at dawn, delivered to the winery and hand sorted. Destemmed to tank. Cold soaked for four days, followed by a warm moderately fast ferment, during which the tank was pumped over twice daily. On the completion of primary fermentation, the wine was gently pressed to barrel where it underwent malolactic fermentation. It was then matured in our caves for 18 months before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

A classic interpretation of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Crisp tannins give structure to the full bodied flavor that comes through, reminiscent of blackberries, a touch of clove, star anise and charred coconut husk. Aromas linger on the mineral side, wet slate, dried herbs and a touch of the red Calistoga earth. Complex and balanced with a great finish. Pairs brilliantly with Catalan braised rabbit.

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon | **VINEYARD** 100% Tenma Vineyard, Calistoga | **APPELLATION** Napa Valley

**HARVEST DATE** September 28, 2016 | **AGING** 18 months in French oak, 65% new

**BOTTLING DATE** August 23, 2018 | **ALCOHOL** 15% | **RS** 1.7 g/L | **TA** .61 g/100ml | **PH** 3.73 | **PRODUCTION** 200 cases

**AGING POTENTIAL** 10–20 years