



Girard

2016 MALBEC NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage for Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon remained on track with previous years in terms of smaller yields of slightly smaller clusters. The quality of the lower yields remained high, in spite of early concerns about the few heat spikes during early summer months. Fortunately, cooler August temperatures slowed ripening to a luxurious pace which allowed us to harvest each parcel at optimal ripeness.

VINEYARD NOTES

Sourced from Yountville, this Malbec has also been a historic element in our Artistry red blend for over a decade. Each year we're impressed with how the vineyard lends juiciness, structure and an expressive mid-palate to our Artistry blend; it's these same attributes that we feel also make it a lovely varietal wine, and a favorite amongst our Girard staff.

TASTING NOTES

The nose reveals bright red cherry, pomegranate and black currant aromas layered with baking spice and vanilla. The supple palate weight is laden with red plum, blackberry jam, brioche, and mocha flavors leading to a cedar scented, enduring finish.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Malbec

APPELLATION Napa Valley | OAK AGING 18 months in French oak, 40% new

ALCOHOL 14.5% | pH 3.7 | TA 6 g/L | RS .34 g/L | PRODUCTION 450 cases