

2016  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Clayhouse  
VINEYARD



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RED CEDAR VINEYARD, PASO ROBLES

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Drought conditions continued for the 2016 vintage and yields were naturally low. Growing conditions were steady and provided a low yielding, quality driven crop. The resulting wines have good concentration and show excellent varietal character.

### TASTING NOTES

Deep purple/dark red color. Aromas of dark Bing cherries, black currants, and hints of cedar and vanilla. The wine is rich, full bodied and has sweet black cherry and ripe plum fruit flavors with spicy undertones. The Cabernet has chewy but rounded tannins and finishes with warm, toasty notes.

**Grape Source:** Red Cedar Vineyard, Paso Robles AVA

**Varietal Composition:** 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot, 8% Petite Sirah

**Processing:** 100% destem, no crush direct to tank. Cold soak for 3 days at 50F before inoculation with various yeast strains. Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks with max ferm temps up to 85-90 F to enhance mouthfeel. Used a combination of D254, FX10, CLOS, Syrah and RX60 yeast depending on desired fermentation temperature, texture and aromatic results. Pressed at dryness after 17 days maceration. Racked off gross lees after 3 days settling and inoculated for malolactic fermentation. 100% Malolactic fermentation.

**Maturation:** Aged 12 months in a combination of French and American oak

**pH at Bottling:** 3.7

**TA at Bottling:** 6.5 g/l

**Alcohol:** 13.93%

**Bottling Date:** June 13, 2018

