

LANCASTER ESTATE 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER'S NOTES



BOTTLED:
JANUARY 22, 2019

Production: 1,594 cases
Varietals: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon,
5% Merlot, 2% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot,
1% Cabernet Franc

Titrateable Acidity: 5.53 g/L
pH: 3.85
Alcohol: 14.5%

OUR THOUGHTS...

The 2016 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon captures the pure expression of our unique terroir at Lancaster Estate. It is a blend of all five of the red Bordeaux varietals we have planted on our volcanic hillside vineyards. Deep in color, it reveals a complex nose of black currant, plum, anise and violet. Refined and polished tannins provide amazing structure and depth that complement commanding flavors of dark plum, black currant, blackberry, savory leather and dark chocolate. An incredible display of the rich and concentrated flavors that come from our estate vineyards, this wine glides across the palate for a long, decadent finish. This wine should be decanted when young, and will only gain in complexity for the next 15-20 years.

VINTAGE AND ESTATE NOTES:

The 2016 growing season brought fruit of exceptional quality and concentration. We had sufficient rainfall in the winter to help alleviate drier than average conditions in recent years.

Temperatures were moderate with some minor heat spikes in June and July. However, a cooling off period in August led to ideal conditions at harvest. The wines from this vintage have great uniformity, concentration and outstanding balance.

Consistent with Lancaster Estate's commitment to making wines of authenticity and place, all of our wines are estate grown, produced and bottled. Native yeasts are used for primary fermentation while secondary malolactic fermentation occurs naturally in barrel.

To preserve the truest expression of our estate, the Lancaster Estate 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon was gently fined and then bottled unfiltered.

COOPERAGE:

This 2016 was aged 24 months in 100% French oak. We chose barrels from several coopers including Darnajou, Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage, Saury, Bel Air and Sylvain. 60% of the barrels were new and all were coopered using a combination of Medium, Medium Plus, Medium Long, and Heavy toast levels to provide optimal integration and balance.

