PRIEST RANCH 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

APPELLATION & VINEYARDS

The historic Priest Ranch is now part of Somerston Estate, a significant property totaling 1,615 acres with 225 acres of hillside vineyards. The wines of Priest Ranch are sourced from multiple blocks, showcasing the diversity and complexity of the combined property. Our 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon came from 24 unique vineyard blocks, planted at elevations from 850 to 1600 ft asl.

WINEMAKING

Priest Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon was aged 22 months in 40% new French oak and 60% once used French oak barrels. The lees were stirred for the first year followed by three racking in the second year of aging. The wine was bottled unfined and unfiltered.

HARVEST NOTES

Everything about the 2016 vintage was early, from bud break in early March to harvest. The near-perfect growing season saw ideal warm weather conditions throughout spring and summer days. Lighter than usual yield accelerated the start of harvest that began in September. The harvest for Cabernet Sauvignon started on September 28th and was completed by October 27th.

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is a full-bodied wine. The rounded mouthfeel is persistent in the long and lingering rich finish. On the nose, there are hints of black cherries, black currant, and licorice while on the palate there are hints of cassis and plum.

APPELLATION Napa Valley VARIETAL 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING 40% new French oak, 60% once filled French oak ALC. 14.8%

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PRODUCTION 4,032 cases





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