

GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY



Alcohol..... 14.4% by volume
Fermentation... indigenous yeast;
4 weeks of skin contact
Harvest date.... Sept. 19 - 27, 2016
Sugar 24.4 Brix (average)
Bottling date.... August 2018
Release date.... October 2018 (375 ml.)
Total acid 5.7 g/L
pH 3.68
Time in oak..... 21 months in French oak
Type of oak..... 60% new French oak
Production..... 13,147 cases (12/750 ml.)
Blend 80% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Merlot
6% Petit Verdot
4% Cabernet Franc

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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VINTAGE: The string of near perfect vintages continued for the fifth year in 2016, with an early bud break and flowering followed by sunny days and relatively mild temperatures throughout the growing season. We were able to have almost all our grapes safely in the cellar before the valley's first significant fall rainstorm arrived on October fourteenth.

VINEYARD: Our Yountville vineyard forms the heart of our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, with grapes from our Rutherford and Calistoga vineyards rounding out the blend. We farm all of our vineyards naturally, without artificial pesticides or herbicides, and they are certified organic. The result is a full-bodied, elegant Cabernet Sauvignon with pure flavors and a pronounced sense of place.

THE WINE: Deep red in the glass, this sultry wine shows dark berry fruit on the nose followed by black currant, plum, with an undertone of lavender and allspice. Rich and velvety on the palate, this Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits full and smooth tannins, yet maintains a youthfulness. Plum and pluot re-emerge on the palate carried by undertones of rhubarb and hints of nutmeg. Great aging potential.