



2016 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Vintage:

THE NEAR-PERFECT 2016 GROWING SEASON STARTED EARLY, SAW IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT AND WRAPPED UP AS THE VALLEY'S FIRST SIGNIFICANT FALL RAINSTORM ARRIVED ON OCTOBER 14. THANKS TO A RELATIVELY STEADY AND MILD JULY AND AUGUST AND THEN A SERIES OF WARM DAYS AT THE END OF THE GROWING SEASON, VINEYARDS WERE ABLE TO PROGRESS TO PERFECT RIPENESS. WINES FROM THE 2016 VINTAGE ARE NOW QUIETLY DEVELOPING IN CELLARS THROUGHOUT NAPA VALLEY AND VINTNERS ARE PINCHING THEMSELVES AND SMILING FOR THE GIFT IT APPEARS MOTHER NATURE HAS GIVEN THEM: A FIFTH CONSECUTIVE VINTAGE OF STELLAR QUALITY NAPA VALLEY WINES.

Vineyard:

THE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VINEYARD SITS ON THE FLANKS OF HOWELL MOUNTAIN AT 1300 FT AND FACES DIRECTLY TOWARDS THE SOUTHWEST AND WEST, WHICH BENEFITS FROM MAXIMUM SUN EXPOSURE. THE HIGH ELEVATION KEEPS OUR VINEYARD 5 DEGREES COOLER THAN THE VALLEY FLOOR RESULTING IN A STEADY GROWING SEASON AND THE ADDED BENEFIT OF LATE AFTERNOON SUN EXPOSURE. THIS SLOPE CONSISTS OF EXTREMELY ROCKY SOILS & COMPLEX MICRO-CLIMATES ALLOWING US TO MAKE A VELVETY SOFT, YET COMPLEX CABERNET SAUVIGNON.

Tasting:

DEEP, DARK PURPLE WITH AROMAS OF BLACKBERRY, BLACK CURRANT, TOFFEE, FRESH CREAM, VANILLA, COFFEE AND PORCINI MUSHROOM. HUGE AND NUANCED EXPLOSION OF GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE FOLLOWED BY A RICH, DENSE MIDPALATE OF ALMOND, BLACKBERRY COMPOTE, CHERRY AND CREAM WITH A LONG FINISH OF BLACKBERRY AND CHOCOLATE.

Composition:

100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Harvest Dates:

SEPTEMBER 24TH & OCTOBER 4TH

Vinification:

IN STAINLESS STEEL TANKS. COLD MACERATION FOR 3-5 DAYS UNDER DRY ICE, 10-18 DAY FERMENTATION WITH TOTAL TANK TIME BETWEEN 25 AND 36 DAYS.

Barrel Regime:

20 MONTHS IN A COMBINATION OF NEW AND ONCE USED FRENCH OAK FROM BOSSUET, TARANSAUD AND SYLVAIN

Bottling:

MAY 2018

Aging:

2020 - 2027

Winemaker:

AARON POTT

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Some of my favorite things in life are cooking, food and wine, so when I fell in love with the Napa Valley in 2006, I knew I needed to find a perfect property of my own. With the help of winemaker Aaron Pott, I set out to do just that.

In spring of 2009, we found exactly what I was looking for, straight up the switchbacks of Howell Mountain, just below the appellation divide at 1,300 feet. I purchased the 22-acre property and named the vineyard SOMNIUM, which means to dream in Latin. I thought owning my own winery was something I could only ever dream about—but soon enough it became a reality. Vineyard development began in 2011 with Cabernet Sauvignon and continued until 2014 when my latest obsession, Cabernet Franc, was planted.

I can't tell you how many times I have signed an autograph for a child and added the note—dream big! It is a life motto—it's how I think, how I live, and what I preach! My dreams never stop, they just continue to evolve. Now that SOMNIUM is a reality, my next dream is to create an environment and experience at my property, where others can fall in love with Napa Valley, just like I did so many years ago.

Proprietor
DANICA PATRICK