



## 2016 Barrouge

*Napa Valley*

*The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Barrouge is made up of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petite Verdot and Cabernet Franc. Deep purple-black in color, it begins with cedar and roasted nuts scents with a core of warm red and black currants, black raspberries, and wild blueberries plus suggestions of potpourri and forest floor. The oak slightly dominates the medium to full-bodied palate, offering glimpses of lovely, crunchy red and black fruits and finishing a little chewy.*

### **2016 Harvest Report Napa Valley:**

The 2016 harvest was early, with exceptional quality fruit. A relatively even growing season followed welcome winter rains that helped to alleviate the drought. The entire ripening season enjoyed cooler than average daytime highs and cold nights, perfect for inky, complex wines.

Although bud break in Napa Valley was early this year, it was a cooler season. We did not get the normal high heat in July and August, which provided for a longer hang time for the grapes. Overall, quality is high. The grapes ripened uniformly and, while yields are a bit lower than normal, the flavors are great. The harvest was smooth and progressed from varietal to varietal.

## AWARDS AND RATINGS

**GOLD**~San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

**95**~London Wine Competition

**91**~**James Suckling**, *Attractive fresh cassis and yellow plums with purple florals and chalky, fine-grained oak. The palate has ample structure and full body with a swathe of fresh blue and purple berries. Drink or hold*

**92**~**Antonio Galloni**, *The 2016 Barrouge is a gorgeous wine. Dollops of Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc soften the contours and really let the fruit come through. Plush and engaging from the very first taste, the 2016 will drink well upon release and for many years thereafter. Plum, spice, new leather and mint all build into the racy, open-knit finish.*

## VINTAGE STATISTICS

BLEND	78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot 10% Petite Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc
HARVEST DATE	October, 2016
BOTTLING	June 27th, 2018
AGING	20 months in French Oak
ALCOHOL	14.2%
PRODUCTION	650 cases
RELEASE DATE	March, 2019