



2016 Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

The 2016 Barlow Estate Cabernet Sauvignon has a deep purple-black color that gives up exuberant notes of crushed black cherries, warm blackberries and cassis with touches of cigar box, menthol and red roses. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is vibrantly fruited with minted cassis, framed by soft, fine-grained tannins and finishing beautifully perfumed.

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

93~The Wine Advocate

92~**James Suckling**, *Some gently tarry, coal smoky black-fruit aromas with violets and a gently herbal edge. The palate has a vibrant and long central spine of blueberries and cassis, wrapped in sheets of fine, fresh tannins. Drink or hold.*

92+~**Antonio Galloni**, *The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is powerful and tightly wound. The new oak is also a bit evident at this stage. I would give the 2016 at least a few years in bottle to fully come around. There is lovely depth to the red-toned fruit*

VINTAGE STATISTICS

BLEND	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVEST DATE	September, 2016
BOTTLING	June, 2018
AGING	21 months in French Oak
ALCOHOL	14.8%
PRODUCTION	697 cases
RELEASE DATE	October, 2019