

# THE TERRACES

## 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon

### Rutherford, 100% Estate Grown



Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases: 496

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottled: May 11, 2018

Released: May 1, 2019

Suggested Retail: \$70.00

**Vineyard:** The Terraces estate vineyards are between 300 and 500 feet in elevation in the eastern foothills of the Rutherford AVA. The very well drained soils are comprised of volcanic rock known as Rhyolite. Moderately warm, the vineyard is still marginally influenced by early morning fog. The fruit for this wine is estate grown and comes from six unique hillside blocks

**Vintage:** The mild winter gave way to slightly early bud break, followed by a relatively steady and mild July and August. Thanks to a series of significantly warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness, just in time for a condensed harvest season. With the Valleys first significant Fall rainstorm arriving on October 14, the harvest season wrapped up earlier than most.

**Production:** Hand picked and sorted before being de-stemming, each lot went into small tanks as whole berries. After a brief cold soak, the lots were fermented with a combination of wild and cultivated yeasts. A combination of punch downs, pump overs and rack and returns were performed several times a day to influence extraction in different ways over the course of fermentation. Pressed gently in a basket press, the wines were moved with lees to 35% new French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation.

**Tasting Notes:** The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is yet another vintage that showcases the beauty of our Rutherford Estate vineyards. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, rich but not overripe and perfectly complex. Deep ruby color with aromas of black cherry, boysenberry, toasty hazelnut and a touch of earthiness. The palate is full bodied with deep round tannin and bright acidity. Flavors of blackberry, blueberry, coffee and spicy cinnamon continue with a rich, long finish. Drink now or lay this bottle down to see the true potential; 8-12+ years.

**The Terraces:** 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wines of astonishing value. We produce less than 3500 cases in total each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.