



GALLICA

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY | OAKVILLE

Blessed with a panoply of praiseworthy recent vintages, 2016 straddles the line between succulent ripeness and understated elegance. Napa Valley summer days are filled with a repeated pattern of morning fog which gives way to afternoon sunshine and warmth. This is our rendition of Cabernet Sauvignon from Oakville Ranch Vineyard-poised to age beautifully – we are thrilled with the results. A bottling composed of Cabernet Sauvignon with a touch of Cabernet Franc, we harvested picturesque clusters within a narrow window starting September 20th through the 27th. Oakville at its most compelling, the tannins are softly round and ethereal with persistent flavor. Dried blueberry, graphite, white chocolate, with a hint of the softest rose petals- telling the story of superb ripening in late summer. Drinking impressively in its youth, we look forward to what this vintage will reveal with time.

2016 Growing Season | Noted as an exceptional quality vintage due to moderate summer temperatures, abundant winter rains and a balanced crop size. Despite some summer heat events, there was ample water available in the soil at just the right times to deliver beautifully full clusters with elegant tannin. Winter rainfall returned to Napa Valley and amounts were nearly identical to the 2012 growing season. Overall, 2016 was a vintage without serious farming challenges and sensational for winemakers.

"Fills the mouth with energetic fruit plus a firm velvety frame and oodles of freshness"

Lisa Perrotti-Brown | The Wine Advocate | October 29, 2018 | 96+ PTS

"The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Ranch Vineyard is dense, powerful and voluptuous in the glass. There is so much to admire in the 2016."

Antonio Galloni | Vinous | December 2018 | 96 PTS

"A sensational bouquet of blackberries, black raspberries, cassis, graphite, and toasted spice, with some savory tobacco and herbal notes with time in the glass. It's deep, full-bodied and layered, with sweet yet present tannins. Drink this concentrated, sexy Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon any time over the coming 15-20 years."

Jeb Dunnuck | January 2019 | 96 PTS

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VARIETAL: 83% Cabernet Sauvignon | 17% Cabernet Franc

WINEMAKING: Bottled without fining or filtration in June 2018

DRINK WINDOW: Hold / Try

VINEYARD: Oakville Ranch Vineyard

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

