

LAUREL GLEN COUNTERPOINT

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2016

SONOMA MOUNTAIN, CA

VINEYARD NOTES

Beginning in 2011, we introduced organic farming practices at Laurel Glen Vineyard and upgraded pruning and trellising methods in order to improve concentration and more consistent ripening. The changes we've made in the vineyard have increased the quality of the fruit we harvest. But the quantity of the fruit we harvest has decreased.

In addition to fruit from our estate vineyard, the 2016 Counterpoint benefits from Merlot from the venerable Pickberry Vineyard, now farmed by Ned Hill.

VINTAGE NOTES

After years of drought, we finally had enough rain in 2016 to recharge the soils. Due to unusually warm weather in February, bud break was in February instead of March, as is normal for us at Laurel Glen Vineyard. Bloom, berry set and veraison were all three weeks early as well. Because the growing season started early, even though harvest also started a little earlier than normal, on September 20th, there was plenty of time for complex flavor and color development in 2016.

WINE NOTES

"The 2016 Laurel Glen Counterpoint bursts with aromas of boysenberry, strawberry, rhubarb, caramel, and sandalwood. Supple and finely textured, the wine has great freshness and depth, juicy acidity and tannins that are both firm and velvety." - Randall Watkins, Winemaker

APPELLATION: Sonoma Mountain

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot

CASE PRODUCTION: 1,505 Cases

ALCOHOL: 14.6%

% NEW OAK: 30% New Tonnellerie Taransaud, 10% New Canton Cooperage

TIME IN OAK: 20 months

