



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage: The 2016 vintage was another early harvest, similar to 2015. A mild winter with average rainfall provided some drought relief; but bud-break still came 2-3 weeks earlier than normal. Warm spring weather allowed for good berry set and a slightly below average crop. Moderate summer temperatures easily brought the fruit to full maturity. The wines of 2016 have intense aromas and flavors; with nice structure and balance.

Vineyard: The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 400 acres of hills and valleys which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in several different sites - on steep, southwestern facing hillsides. The vines range from 20 - 42 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec are blended in to provide additional softness, structure, and complexity.

Harvest: Oct. 9 - 21 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.50 pH • 6.5 g/L T

Winemaking: All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. Maceration time varied from 14 to 30 days depending on vineyard block. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (45% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2017. The final blend is 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, and 1% Malbec. This wine is drinkable now, but reward careful cellaring for the next 10 - 15 years..

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.59 pH • 6.0 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: An intense nose of black cherry, plum, and cassis; with a hint of cedar and vanilla. The mouth is layered with rich flavors of raspberries, red currants, and berry jam. Ripe tannins focus the palate and provide a lengthy finish of spice and red fruit.

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Cases Produced: 4518 cases

