

HEIMARK

VINEYARD

2016 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TASTING NOTES

Winemaker, Françoise Peschon

The 2016 growing season captivated us. There was enough winter rain to replenish the vineyard following years of drought and enough sunshine to ensure the development of the fruit's rich and exultant flavors. We harvested pristine grapes on September 20, enthusiastic about the beauty of our inaugural vintage. After twenty-two days of fermentation, the wine was aged in French Oak barrels for twenty months before bottling.

The 2016 Heimark Cabernet Sauvignon is redolent of wild herbs, plums, cloves, and star anise. Rich flavors of black cherries, chocolate, and thyme are supported by the wine's classical structure and fine grained tannins, resulting in a dense, inviting wine with great energy and lift. The lengthy finish adds seductive notes of cocoa powder, blackberry, and slate.

The wine is delicious now with decanting and is beautifully proportioned to reward aging for ten to twenty years.

HARVEST NOTES

Vineyard Manager, Michael Wolf



Heimark Vineyard is an extremely resilient hillside vineyard planted on an ancient landslide. Located on the northeast side of Napa Valley, the vineyard is tucked away from view, hidden among the hillside's many folds. The deep layers of fractured shale have formed a rough and well-drained soil for the vines, which require little water in spite of the elevation of 1100 feet. The resilient vines strive like native plants, seeking water through fractured layers of volcanic rock and graphite. This results in intensely flavored wines with fine tannins, which develop profound complexity with age. The planted vineyard footprint consists of only fourteen acres of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes and one acre of Petit Verdot. Multiple Cabernet Sauvignon clone and rootstock combinations give precision and nuance to the farming of these small blocks.

Harvest Date: September 20, 2016

Release Date: November 5, 2019

Sourcing: Heimark Family Vineyard

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.8%

Wine Produced: 220 cases

PHILANTHROPY

We are a family-run venture, and one of our family's passions over the past thirty-plus years has been educational outreach in Kenya, India, Ghana, Nicaragua, and across the United States. Some of the proceeds from the 2016 vintage will contribute to the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation, a non-profit which promotes and supports vineyard workers through education and professional development.