



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2016 Origin

Production: 960 cases

Composition: 55% Merlot, 18% Malbec, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc

Appellations: Carneros, Oak Knoll, Yountville and Atlas Peak

Cooperage: 68% new oak barrels aged for 16 months (of the new barrels, 61% French oak (Nadalier, Treuil Terroir, Orion, Tonnellerie O), 7% American oak (Canton))

Alcohol: 14.8% alc, 3.78 pH, 0.61 TA

Bottling date: March 7, 2018

Release date: Winter 2019

Release price: \$52.00

Origin is our chance to create a stylish and intriguing blend from all the possible lots we make. All five Bordeaux varieties are included in the 2016 Origin, including the Cabernet Franc that Doug recently planted at the Beau Terroir Vineyard. The hillside Merlot at Beau Terroir in Carneros is charming and rich, while Beau Terre in Oak Knoll adds structure and plushy fruit to the blend. Malbec, with its big color and lower tannins, has become a big part of the palate structure for Origin. Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc added serious texture to balance the Malbec, while Cabernet Sauvignon adds dignity to all blends. Origin was bottled with no fining or filtration.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2016 Origin has lovely aromas of raspberry and roses. The broad entry has a big mouthful of berries and crunchy cherry. The ripe and intense midpalate rolls into more sweet fruit – blueberry, red currant, and plum, with subtle tannins rounding out the finish.