

2016 "Like a Hawk"

Production: 500 cases

Composition: 44% Syrah, 41% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Malbec, 2% Petit Sirah and 2% Viognier.

Vineyards: Baker, Clarke, Windy Flats, Apallas, Villagio and Polson Road.

Appellation: Napa Valley

Cooperage: 14 months in 60% new oak, (40% in new French oak, Francois Freres and Remond, 20%

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Alcohol: 14.8% alc, 3.84 pH, 0.6 TA

Bottling date: 3/22/18

Release date: September 2018

Release price: \$52.00

Since 2012, Hill Family Estate has been creating a unique blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah known for its punch and vigor. The Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon lots are always fun to blend, and eventually we find the place where this "Team of Rivals" fits together better than each variety could separately. In 2016, the "Like a Hawk" is made from Baker vineyard in Atlas Peak, with Windy Flats in Wooden Valley and some Polson Road fruit in Jameson Canyon. Like a Hawk is a big, elegant, intense wine, with huge color and density, and it is fun having Landon on the label to honor the 5th generation of Hill Family farmers in California.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2016 Like a Hawk is filled with entertaining aromas such as black cherry, violets and spicy oak. After 20 minutes in the glass, the aromas calm down to the more typical bright plum and vanilla characteristics. The palate is seductive and intense, with flavors of concentrated blackberry and plum fruit, mocha and butterscotch.