



HILL FAMILY
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2016 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 996 cases

Composition: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Malbec, 5% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 4% Syrah

Vineyards: Baker, Beau Terre, Windy Flats, Hansen, Bardessono, Flat Rock and Apallas

Elevation: Valley floor – 1,200 ft.

Cooperage: 22 months in 85% new oak as follows: 10% American (Canton Grand Cru), 75% new French Oak (Treuil, Tonnelerie O, Nadalier, and Remond)

Alcohol: 14.8%, TA 0.6, pH 3.87

Bottling date: June 19, 2018 (Unfiltered)

Release date: Spring 2019

Release price: \$55.00

The 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is carefully blended to achieve power and balance. We particularly appreciate the opportunity to use high elevations (Baker Vineyard in Atlas Peak is at 1,200 ft.) with their intense tannins and color, then blend and civilize them with vineyards from the valley floor. Windy Flats is on the western foothills in Wooden Valley, and Beau Terroir is in the Napa-Carneros foothills. Beau Terre, Flat Rock, and Apallas are on the valley floor. The Malbec, Merlot, and Petit Verdot elevate the nose and display the fruit and oak spice. The wines from 2016 benefitted from a decent growing season with gentle roller coaster temperatures, slightly less than average winter rains, and a few hot spells.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The wine opens with aromas of blackberry, mocha, black licorice, oak spice, vanilla and caramel. The palate is inviting, with blackberry cobbler and deep black cherry flavors. This is a classic Cabernet Sauvignon with a sweet disposition.