



WINEGROWING INFORMATION

Introducing the third year of severe drought, the 2013-2014 winter was one of the driest on record in California, and rainfall totals for Napa Valley were only half of average. However, with over 11 inches falling in February, what little rain there was came at a perfect time, and provided the grapevines with adequate moisture for good shoot growth, healthy canopies and a moderate, even fruit set. With very few heat spikes, the weather was beautifully consistent, and mild temperatures throughout the summer resulted in an exceptional vintage and an early harvest. Our grapes were hand-picked between September 15th and October 3rd, fermented individually in small tanks, aged in 100% new French oak barrels and bottled after 22 months in barrel on July 29th, 2016.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, this wine is intense, vibrant and lively, showing intriguing notes of earth, cedar, tobacco leaf and smoky black tea. In the mouth, the wine is fresh, poised and precise, with layers of dark fruits and silky tannins that perfectly support its sweet core. Notes winemaker Francoise Peschon, *“What strikes me most about this wine is how earth driven it is – wet clay, loam, scorched earth, enlivened by floral notes and hints of savory spices. The texture is sublime, with super-refined tannins at the entry, following through the mid palate with a power that builds slowly and evenly to a persistent mineral finish. It is a classic Cabernet Sauvignon.”*