



2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

<i>Release Date</i>	September, 2018
<i>Production</i>	38 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley: St. Helena AVA, Rutherford AVA, Oakville AVA & Coombsville AVA
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot & 2% Malbec
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietors Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 22 months in 100% French oak, 50% new
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p>What distinguished Cabernet Sauvignon as the dominant varietal in Napa is its ability to take on distinct and diverse characteristics based on subtle variations in soil, temperature, light and moisture. This is so apparent to us as we sit around our blending table, tasting the individual lots that will eventually be blended to become our flagship Cabernet. Many of the vineyards that we work with are a stone's throw away from each other, however each is distinct and each new vintage is a new puzzle to decipher. Though we were still technically experiencing drought conditions in 2016, the worst of it had thankfully passed and this vintage was characterized by rapid swings from cool to warm temperatures, thankfully never reaching extremes that could stress the vines but allowing them instead to experience times of rest and of rapid development. This has gifted us with a vintage characterized by its vibrant fruit and graceful structure.</p> <p>Lovely aromas of blackberry, dark cherry, plum and a familiar assembly of Christmas baking spices rise out of the glass and are mated with fine oak notes of cocoa nib and vanilla. Immediately upon tasting this wine, the abundant black and red fruit notes lead the way to a long mid-palate expression with the fruit notes mingling alongside supple acidity that evolves into a finish of elegant fine grain tannins, and lingering notes of black currant, clove and cocoa dust.</p> <p>This 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon has significant charm while youthful, so please enjoy a bottle or two while in its first few years, with a moderate decant to fully appreciate the fine acidity and vibrant fruit. Then feel confident to stash the rest away for a little while as this wine will happily age well into the mid 2020's.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt</i>	HUNNICUTT 2016 Zinfandel, Luvisi Vineyard
<i>Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, 9-3-5