



## 2016 CUVÉE ÉQUITÉ

### NAPA VALLEY

<i>Release Date</i>	January, 2019
<i>Production</i>	5 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	<b>Merlot:</b> Coombsville AVA – Farella <b>Cabernet Sauvignon:</b> Rutherford AVA – Walther River Block
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietor Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 22 months in 100% French oak, 60% new
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p>In Bordeaux, the river Gironde divides the wine growing region into two parts, the Left and Right Bank. The Left Bank focuses on Cabernet driven complexity and structure, while the Right Bank is built upon Merlot and produces rich, balanced and inviting wines. What does all of this have to do with winemaking in Napa? Well, nothing really, we make our own rules, but it provides inspiration for our Cuvée Équité.</p> <p>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>This wine was built for sharing and shows it, lush cherry, huckleberry and plum notes rise from the glass while more subtle hints of cocoa and tobacco develop underneath the fruit. The palate is rich and inviting, developing plentiful red fruit notes well into the mid-palate and finish where it is greeted by mild tannins hinting of Rutherford dust.</p> <p>This wine is dedicated to all those who hold equity in our dream and help to make this pursuit of ours possible. Share with those who do the same for you. The 2016 promises a long life, but don't hesitate to enjoy a bottle over the next couple years with a long decant. For age minded wine drinker, feel free to stash some for enjoying at its peak on or around 2023.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2016 Pinot Noir, Silver Eagle HUNNICUTT 2016 CUTT Merlot HUNNICUTT 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena AVA, <i>Wayside</i>