



## 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**9-3-5**

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<i>Release Date</i>	September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2019
<i>Production</i>	7 Barrels
<i>Appellation</i>	<b>Cabernet Sauvignon:</b> St. Helena AVA – Lewelling Rutherford AVA – Beckstoffer Georges III
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Seana and Justin Hunnicutt Stephens, Proprietors Kirk P. Venge, Winemaker
<i>Cooperage</i>	Aged for 28 months in 100% new French oak
<i>Tasting Notes</i>	<p>9-3-5 began with our wedding day. Seana and I were married on September 3<sup>rd</sup> of '05 and as you'd expect, harvest was hot on our heels. Once harvest ended and we tasted through our 3 Cabernet lots in barrel, it was clear we had the potential for something special. About a year and several blending trials later, we settled on a small 4 barrel blend that became our first ever reserve wine the 2005 9-3-5. With that as our benchmark, we've committed to only releasing our 9-3-5 in vintages that we feel are of undeniable quality and will produce a memorable stirring wine.</p> <p>2016 was a year marked by serenity in the vineyards. The drought that had increased in intensity throughout the early 10's was coming to an end and rainfall thru the winter months was more than welcomed. The spring brought cooler than average temperatures allowing for a slow progression into the hotter summer months, which pushed the vines to an earlier than average harvest season. With no concerns of looming rain in September and October, winemakers were free to make picking decisions based on conditions in the vineyards pulling in fruit at the ideal moment.</p> <p>Our 2016 9-3-5 is a true reflection of the vintage as serenity in the vineyard brings intensity to the glass. On the nose, densely layered dark cherry and blackberry notes rise energetically and mingle with hints of cocoa nib, caramel and light floral elements lending complexity to the aromatics. The palate is then greeted with a rush of energetic blended fruit showcasing black cherry, ripe plum and wild blackberry thru the mid-palate framed with dusty tannins that roll softly to a smooth pleasing finish.</p>
<i>Other Hunnicutt</i>	HUNNICUTT 2017 Zinfandel, Luvisi Vineyard
<i>Wines</i>	HUNNICUTT 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

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