



# RED MARE WINES

2016 . Red Mare Wines . Napa Valley . Cabernet Sauvignon

## 2016 Vintage Notes:

The 2016 vintage is the last of Napa's recent drought years. Luckily, late spring rains helped recharge the soil profile giving a strong start to the season. The early season started off well with no frosts or big temperature spikes. After the cool spring of 2015, this uneventful spring was welcome. Mild temperatures continued into August and allowed for outstanding flavor development and retention of acid. 2016's moderate yields and ideal temperatures are apparent with the expressive fruit flavors and freshness showing in the glass.

## Winemaking Notes:

This wine opens with the classic Red Mare cherry, then leans toward darker fruits. It has a lovely creaminess reminiscent of biscuits, flaky pie crust, and brioche. There is also a savory note, something more mysterious and earthier deeper down. In the mouth, it is classically generous with a balanced acidity typical of our Cabernet Sauvignon. It blossoms, opening up and releasing fruit characters, then gently settles. Seamless and cohesive in the mouth, it is gathered and contained with a structure of sweet acidity that draws the wine toward an elegant long finish.

## Vineyard Notes:

2016 saw some changes to our vineyard sources. Alsace remains a core site, but with the sale of one vineyard, and the planned replant of another, we looked to a nearby source in Oak Knoll, planted meticulously and farmed organically. It also gave room for a long-wished-for relationship with the Volker Eisele Estate in Chiles Valley. We are beyond pleased to be sourcing fruit from this historic, organically farmed vineyard. Both sites have come together beautifully and express the elements we always look for in our Red Mare Cabernet Sauvignon.

Production: 1,232 cases

TA: 5.77 g/L

pH: 3.83

Alc: 14.9%

100% French Oak

42% New Oak

Vineyard, Appellation & Varietal Breakdown:

39% Alsace Vineyard ~ Rutherford ~ Cabernet Sauvignon

31% Rachofsky Vineyard ~ Oak Knoll ~ Cabernet Sauvignon

21% Volker Eisele Estate ~ Chiles Valley ~ Cabernet Sauvignon

8% Swickard Vineyard ~ Calistoga ~ Petite Sirah

1% Farella Vineyard ~ Coombsville ~ Malbec