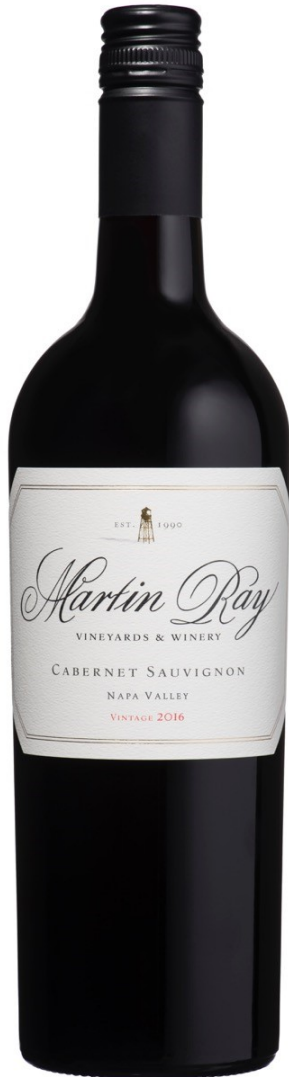


Martin Ray

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2016 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



*100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Napa Valley
Brix at Harvest 24.5 °
pH 3.80
Total Acidity 5.1 g/L
Alcohol 14.6%
November 2018 Release*

THE VINEYARDS

Sourced heavily from Coombsville and Rutherford, and blended with carefully selected pieces from some of our most revered premium Napa Valley vineyard sites, this wine exemplifies the varied and complementary styles that define each sub-appellation. The diversity among the vineyards ultimately gives us the advantage of being able to blend a wine that displays the intense aromas and flavors that are characteristic to each unique region.

VINTAGE NOTES

Much to the delight of both grape growers and winemakers, the 2016 vintage carried through from beginning to end, with ideal conditions and ideal results. Long-awaited rainfall during the winter and early spring replenished desperate reservoirs and ground water, easing the concerns generated by several years' worth of drought conditions. The summer was kind, with only a few heat spikes, which then carried over into a true Indian Summer; keeping daytime temperatures above normal, and the mornings foggy and cool throughout the peak month of September, permitting us to take our time in evaluating and calling picks at their optimal maturity. Nature patiently waited for us to bring in our final lots before returning with the rain that has traditionally been the signal for the end of the harvest season.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon was crafted using classic, labor intensive, small-lot winemaking techniques which produce in the enhanced flavors and textures that consistently characterize our wines. The contributing vineyards were cold-soaked for 4 days, then spent two weeks in open-top fermenters, where they were gently punched down by hand. Aged for 16 months in 50% new French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

The diverse sources of this Cabernet Sauvignon exemplify the Napa Valley terroir. The strong, traditional bouquet layers notes of ripe mulberry, dark cassis, wild violets and spice rooted by earthy undertones of dusty minerality. With clean fruit through-out the palate with blackberry pie and hints of elderflower, this medium-bodied wine has well-structured tannins balanced by a nuance of mocha and balanced by subtle oak influence.