

JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

2016 Vintage



TASTING NOTES The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is ultra-concentrated with dense black fruit, anise, roasted coffee, ripe blueberries, cedar box and graphite. A fresh and focused wine with creamy texture and a long, luscious mouth feel with dusty earth, baking spices, sweet vanilla and fresh fig notes.

GROWING SEASON The 2016 Napa Valley growing season began with a mild winter resulting in early bud break for some blocks at the beginning of March. A normal period of bloom and veraison took place in early May and mid-July, respectively. The 2016 growing season was cooler compared to the previous three vintages, allowing for aromas and flavors to develop slowly in the red varieties yielding classic Cabernet Sauvignon from each of our vineyards.

WINEMAKING NOTES

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN VINEYARD SELECTIONS

86% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Merlot
3% Petit Verdot
2% Cabernet Franc
2% Malbec

42% Suscol — Napa Valley AVA
30% Home Ranch — St. Helena AVA
11% Yountville — Oak Knoll AVA
10% Banca Dorada — Rutherford AVA
7% Barboza & Las Rocas — Stags Leap AVA

BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for eighteen months in 48% new oak (62% French, 38% American) and 52% used French and American oak barrels before bottling.