

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CALISTOGA | NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 growing season benefitted tremendously from the return of significant winter rainfall across the Napa Valley. Whereas the challenging 2015 season produced smaller yields of high-quality fruit, 2016 was more in keeping with the textbook vintages of 2012 and 2014, with a longer and milder growing season. Thanks to steady July and August temperatures followed by a series of warm days at the end of the maturation cycle, fruit was allowed to ease into optimal ripeness. As a result, the 2016 Elusa wines tell a story all about site and varietal. With less stress on the vines thanks to rain, extended hang time, and no weather drama, the wine speaks unmistakably of place.

This is a highly sought-after Napa Valley vintage, graced with an abundance of all things—fruit, acid, tannin, structure, and extraction—in equal proportion. Everything about the wine is amplified, but with a beautiful balance across all components. Collectors and critics may forever debate whether 2013 or 2016 is the more perfect Napa Valley vintage. We're happy to have both.

VINEYARD NOTES

Luvisi Vineyards sits in close proximity to the winery and has been farmed by the family since 1908. Dry farmed and south-facing, the vineyard sits on an loam alluvium. Working with these vineyards keeps winemaking at Elusa obsessively local.

TASTING NOTES

This spicy yet agreeable Cabernet is a lesson in balance. Coming across with power in the first sips, it remains ultimately appealing to a broad audience of drinkers. Dark fruit notes stand out, especially those of brandied cherries and even cherry pie filling. Continuing with the theme of baked goods, the notable spice comes through with reminders of sugar cookies, baking spices and butterscotch. Enjoy this expressive Cabernet Sauvignon now and as it continues to age.



TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION | CALISTOGA, NAPA VALLEY
VARIETAL | 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VINEYARD SOURCE | LUVISI VINEYARD
CLONES | 169, 191, 337
AGING | 20 MONTHS
COOPERS | BARON, REMOND
ALCOHOL | 14.6%
BOTTLING DATE | JUNE 2018
PRODUCTION | 24 BARRELS
WINEMAKER | THOMAS RIVERS BROWN



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