

Cakebread Cellars



2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Vineyards

The Napa Valley is renowned for producing bold, structured and age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignon. Our 2016 Cakebread Cellars Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is no exception. For our Cakebread family, remarkable quality starts in the vineyards. That is why we harvested grapes from throughout the Napa region, from northern appellations all the way to the southern corners, to celebrate the personality and diversity of several different appellations prime for Cabernet Sauvignon. Grapes from classic sites in Rutherford and Oakville were selected, as well as fruit from our distinctive Suscol Springs estate vineyard located in the southeastern region of the valley, where the rock-filled soils and a cooler climate add layers of complexity and incredible depth of flavor to the wine.

Vintage 2016

In 2016, bud break was early, yet conditions were ideal throughout the growing season. Temperatures were steady, and mild, through July and August. Toward the end of the season, warm days encouraged optimal ripening, for a balance of acid and exceptional quality of fruit.

Winemaking

The grapes were destemmed and hand-sorted, following nighttime harvesting in cool temperatures to preserve optimum freshness and vibrant flavors. By fermenting in a variety of stainless steel tanks differing in size, our winemaker created diverse lots of wine that, once blended, provide layers of intense flavor and complexity. Aging in 56% new French oak, along with the blending in of complementary Bordeaux varietals, provided a fitting finale to this flagship wine.

Tasting Notes

Deep shades of purple, and rich dark-red hues, signal that this is a quintessential Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Aromas of ripe blackberry, boysenberry, dark chocolate and notes of oak precede balanced acidity and firm tannins. With forward fruit, and welcome mineral undertones, this is a perfectly balanced wine that is approachable now, yet will age beautifully. The grapes from throughout the valley that were farmed to make this wine, provide a natural diversity of flavors.

Grape variety: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Vineyards: 100% Napa Valley

Harvest dates: September 12 – October 12, 2016

Fermentation: 100% stainless steel tanks

Barrel aging: 17 months French oak barrels, 56% new and 44% neutral

Bottled: April 2018

Total acidity: 0.67 g/100 ml

pH: 3.53

Alcohol: 14.9%

Winemaker: Stephanie Jacobs