



STORYBOOK
MOUNTAIN
VINEYARDS

2016 Napa Valley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker notes:

The same structure, finesse, and purity of fruit that have long characterized Storybook Mountain Zinfandels are evident in our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. These qualities reflect the estate vineyard's relatively cool climate, its clay-loam soils, and its easterly and northerly exposures. The style also reflects our preference for wines of moderate alcohol, intense, focused fruit, and exemplary balance.

"An especially lovely and complex nose graces the 2016 Cabernet with blackberry, black cherry and cardamom infused with hints of vanilla. The palate carries these flavors gracefully without undue weight, the fruit balanced by focusing acid and young, yet resolved, tannins that promise a silken, supple core to come. The suggestions of the wine's aromatic introduction carry through the lingering finish."

Vineyard:

The magic paradigm matching grape and terroir has always been our goal. Since 1994, we have selected the coolest areas and lightest soils as best for Cabernet Sauvignon, lower sections with heavier soils as ideal for Merlot, and appropriate hills and hollows for Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Different clones, rootstocks and cultural practices provide further fine tuning for each site. The result? As one reviewer put it, "over achieving Cabernet" has joined classic Zinfandel at Storybook Mountain.



Appellation: Napa Valley, Estate

Alcohol: 13.8%

Harvest: September 14 to October 3

Cooperage: 18 months
100% new French oak

Bottled: July 2016

Production: 290 cases