

B SIDE



VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Cabernet Sauvignon

80% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Merlot
2% Syrah
1% Malbec
1% Petit Verdot
1% Petite Sirah

APPELLATION North Coast

COOPERAGE 40% new French Oak barrels
(Francois Frere & Radoux);
Aged for 14 months prior to
final blending and bottling

ALCOHOL 14.5%

PH 3.74 **TA** 6.0 g/L

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2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

The B Side Cabernet Sauvignon is a deeply concentrated, inky color in the glass. Vibrant aromas of blackberry compote, mocha, vanilla, sweet leather and lavender are pronounced on the nose. The fleshy, fruit-forward palate is packed with flavor including juicy fruit, cassis, melted chocolate and hints of Blackstrap molasses. The deep, dark fruit note is a solid line throughout and comes from the beginning all the way to the end of the wine. The tasty French oak frames the wine with ripe, round tannins underpinning the overall structure. The wine is aged for 14 months with 40% of the blend in new French oak barrels (Francois Frere & Radoux) while the remaining balance is in seasoned French oak. This wine is deep and brooding with layers of aromas and flavors, well-structured with smooth tannins and a noticeably, lengthy finish.

APPELLATION

The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit for this wine is grown in some of the finest regions within the diverse North Coast appellation. For the vintage 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, 82% of the blend is from Napa Valley, with a majority from the idyllic Pope Valley and Gordon Valley regions. These areas, with their diverse soils and higher elevations, produce Cabernet Sauvignon fruit with distinctive flavors and big, round tannins. The red colored soil has a high iron content which adds unique attributes to the grapes. As the old adage goes 'red dirt is for red grapes.' In addition, fruit from the Rutherford and Oakville regions of the Napa Valley also made it into the vintage 2016 blend adding the hallmark plush fruit and supple tannins found on this famous valley floor. The other North Coast appellations that contributed fruit for this wine include Sonoma's iconic Alexander Valley.

VINTAGE

The entire North Coast region enjoyed a beautiful 2016 growing season. The relatively even growing season followed welcome winter rains that eased California's ongoing drought and gave vines plenty of moisture to pull from throughout the season. With no frost during bloom nor heat spikes during the summer, harvest was greeted with relative ease. The ripening season enjoyed cooler than average daytime highs with plenty of sunshine so fruit developed very good color and flavor concentration while the typical area cold nights enabled the fruit to maintain excellent acidity.

PHILOSOPHY

Our roots trace back to an authentic place. B Side wines are rare, unconventional and often lesser known. We follow a rhythm no one else can hear separating our wines from others with smooth, soulful palates and perfectly tuned notes. B Side is a complex wine, made simply. For those who know the difference.