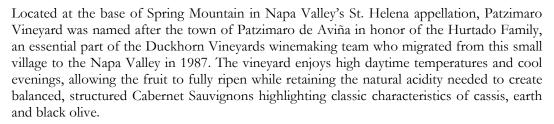




# 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon *Patzimaro Vineyard*



# In the Vineyards

2016 offered another near-perfect vintage in Napa Valley! While much-needed rain during the winter months helped to replenish our reservoirs, a dry spring and summer, with moderate temperatures and plenty of sunshine, led to another early harvest. Our first white grapes came into the winery on August 3rd, with the remainder of our whites following at an even, steady pace. A few weeks of ideally timed cool weather in early September provided additional hangtime, yielding bright acids and beautifully articulated flavors in our early ripening reds. Warm, dry weather for the remainder of the season allowed the rest of our grapes to develop rich, concentrated flavors, with polished tannins and wonderful complexity.

# Comments from the Winemaker

Vintage after vintage, Patzimaro Vineyard yields a profound and compelling expression of Cabernet Sauvignon with voluptuous fruit and sophisticated savory elements. The 2016 vintage continues this tradition, with aromas of milk chocolate, fig, blackberry, black olive and slate. The palate is robust and inviting, with voluptuous dark fruit layers, a beautiful, mouth-filling texture and intriguing hints of sage, black licorice, thyme and tapenade.

#### Varietal Content

76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

#### **Harvest Information**

Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley

Harvest Dates: September 27 – September 30

Average Sugar at Harvest: 27.0° Brix

## Cooperage

100% French oak Barrel Aging: 18 months 85% new, 15% neutral

### **Production and Technical Data**

Alcohol: 14.5%

0.55 g/100 ml titratable acidity 10-12 days fermentation at 82°F

pH: 3.89

