

## 2016 SALUS CABERNET SAUVIGNON Rutherford, Napa Valley

Release Date	March 1, 2019
Harvest Dates	September 21st - October 13th, 2016
Barrel Aging	20 Months
Oak	100% French, 87% new, 13% used
Blend	82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 6% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot
Alcohol	14.9%

## Winemaker Tasting Notes



2016 was yet another superb growing season that began with a warm and dry winter in what has become our extended drought which lead to what has now become the normal 'early' budbreak which was again supported by fortuitously timed February rains. A relatively hot early season and start to summer pushed the pace and the expectation of an early harvest but a significant cooling shift occurred at the end of July, tapping the brakes enough for a more extended hang time allowing increased flavor development and a slightly later than expected start to the harvest.

Ripe, dark and wonderfully herbaceous, the 2016 Salus Cabernet Sauvignon is redolent of the tradition but undeniably Napa in its abundant exuberance. Deep black and blue fruits rich with confection swirl around a plushly textured core, given lift and dimension by resinous flowers, milled spices and subtle earth. At once pillow-y and powerful, this youthful wine will likely shed some weight and become more determined with additional time in bottle.

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