



2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Ranch Vineyard – Oakville, Napa Valley



THE VINEYARD

Oakville Ranch Vineyard is a rugged 330-acre estate, tucked into a rocky shelf 1,400 feet above the Napa Valley floor. The ranch is in the foothills of the Vaca Mountains on the far eastern edge of the renowned Oakville District AVA. This unique setting allows the vineyard to take advantage of the cooling breezes of the Pacific and the warm, dry air of the Central Valley. These optimal conditions, in addition to precise, careful farming practices, result in grapes with a clear sense of place and uniformity of ripeness and flavor. The rocky clay, loam and basalt soils have a heavy iron influence providing structure, power and depth. This vineyard was replanted in 2006 by esteemed organic viticulturist Phil Coturri, and is fast gaining a reputation for producing some of the best Cabernet Sauvignon in Napa Valley.

WINEMAKER NOTES

In 2016, California experienced a fifth year of severe drought conditions, resulting in small grape clusters with tiny berries. Yields were slightly higher than in 2015 as the vines were more in balance. Moderate summer temperatures allowed sugar levels and flavor development to progress slowly and evenly. A few brief heat spikes gave way to a cooler than normal August, allowing for longer hang times without rapid sugar accumulation. The resulting wines are robust with deep, concentrated flavors combined with a remarkable freshness. 2016 was the best vintage yet for Oakville Ranch Vineyard. The vines responded well, offering rich fruit and balanced acidity. Barrels were selected and blended from individual lots of clones 337, 4, and 169 that we vinified separately and aged in French oak barrels for 20 months.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% berry-sorted Cabernet Sauvignon
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 75% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
- Bottled June 2018

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.5%
- pH: 3.6
- TA: 6.1 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2019
- 150 cases produced
- AVA: Oakville

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ABOUT THE WINERY

Based in the town of Sonoma, Sojourn Cellars is a highly acclaimed winery specializing in the production of artisan Pinot noir, Chardonnay, and Cabernet Sauvignon wines.

We source fruit from celebrated vineyards in both Sonoma and Napa Counties, and we help direct farming operations to assure that our grapes are produced using world-class growing techniques. We have consistently produced high-quality wines with a hands-off natural winemaking style that showcases the character and personality of individual vineyards.

Craig Haserot
Proprietor

Erich Bradley
Winemaker

Randy Bennett
Associate Winemaker