



2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Proprietary Cuvée – Napa Valley



THE VINEYARD

The Sojourn Cellars Proprietary Cuvée is our optimal blend of Cabernet Sauvignon from renowned Napa Valley hillside and valley floor vineyards. We produce a Proprietary Cuvée only in vintages when we can create a blend of exceptional quality and aging potential. 2016 was our fifth vintage blending component wines from the hillside Oakville Ranch Vineyard clones 4 and 337, with the valley-floor Vineyard Georges III clone 337 in Rutherford. The higher acid structure and dark fruit character of Oakville Ranch married exquisitely with the lush body and red Rutherford dust of Vineyard Georges III.

WINEMAKER NOTES

California experienced a fifth year of severe drought conditions in 2016. The vines responded with fortitude and the vintage was a standout for Cabernet Sauvignon in Napa Valley, offering an intensity of 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. The best barrels from our top lots were meticulously selected and blended to create the purest expression of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Lots were separately fermented on skins for 21 days and then aged for 18 months in a mixture of Darnajou, Taransaud and de Jarnac barrels.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

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

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.8%
- pH: 3.72
- TA: 5.8 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2019
- Retail price: \$125
- 150 cases produced
- AVA: Napa Valley

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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 remarkable 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