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JANUARY 22, 2019

## LANCASTER ESTATE 2016 NICOLE'S PROPRIETARY RED

### OUR THOUGHTS...

*The 2016 Nicole's Proprietary Red is a blend created from the best barrels of our estate's finest vineyard blocks. The final composition consists primarily of Cabernet Sauvignon with small amounts of Petit Verdot, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec. Lush and full on the palate, this wine has an intense core of dark cherry, currants and blackberry fruit with vanilla and floral undertones. Balanced by its acidity, polished tannins, and exotic oak, the wine shows an underlying minerality in its lingering finish. Nicole's should be decanted when young, and should age for 20+ years.*

### VINTAGE AND WINEMAKING NOTES:

Sufficient rainfall and moderate temperatures resulted in fruit of exceptional quality. Consistent with Lancaster Estate's commitment to making wines of authenticity and place, this wine is estate grown, produced and bottled. Native yeasts are used for primary fermentation while secondary malolactic fermentation occurs naturally in barrel. To preserve the truest expression of our estate, this wine was gently fined and then bottled unfiltered.

### COOPERAGE:

The 2016 was aged 24 months in 100% French oak. We chose barrels from several coopers including Darnajou, Taransaud, Demptos, Ermitage, Saury, and Bel Air. 100% of the barrels were new and all were coopered using a combination of Medium Plus, Medium Long, and Heavy toast levels to provide optimal integration and balance.

### COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS:

*Harvest Dates: September 8 – October 13, 2016*  
*Varietals: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot,*  
*1% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec*

*Titrateable Acidity: 4.7 g/L*  
*pH: 3.72*  
*Alcohol: 14.5%*



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## LANCASTER ESTATE 2016 WINEMAKER'S CUVÉE

### OUR THOUGHTS...

*Our 2016 Winemaker's Cuvée is composed of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from the northern tip of the Alexander Valley AVA east of the Russian River. The combination of this warm climate and its alluvial and gravelly loam soil is ideal for creating balanced wines of complexity, concentration and richness. Black cherry, blueberry and plum are the gateway to a multi-layered palate of dark fruits, vanilla, black currant and the ideal tannin-acid structure. A supple mouth-feel with velvety tannins and rich flavors linger on the finish of this balanced wine.*

### VINTAGE AND WINEMAKING NOTES:

The 2016 growing season brought fruit of exceptional quality and concentration. We had sufficient rainfall in the winter to help alleviate dryer than average conditions in recent years. Temperatures were moderate with some minor heat spikes in June and July. However, a cooling off period in August led to ideal conditions at harvest.

We harvested the fruit at optimal ripeness from October 9 - 12, 2016. Native yeasts were used for primary fermentation while secondary malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in barrel. To preserve the truest expression of the fruit, the wine was gently fined and bottled March 14, 2018.

### COOPERAGE:

This wine was aged sur lie for 15 months in a combination of French and American oak. 30% of the barrels were new and all were coopered using a combination of Medium Plus, Medium Long, and Heavy toast levels to provide better integration and balance.

### COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS:

*Harvest Dates: October 9 – October 12, 2016  
Varietals: 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot*

*Titrateable Acidity: 6.2 g/L  
pH: 3.5  
Alcohol: 14.95%*

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