



SEBASTIANI

2016

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

OLD VINE
ALEXANDER VALLEY

DAVID NAKAJI, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DETAILS

APPELLATION

Alexander Valley

COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet
Sauvignon

COOPERAGE

14 months in French
oak barrels

ALCOHOL

13.5%

TA

0.66 g/100ml

PH

3.54

BOTTLING DATE

July 2018

CASES

800

VINEYARDS

The majority of the Cabernet Sauvignon came from the Eco Tereno Vineyard located along the Russian River in northern Alexander Valley which was planted in 1973. The remainder is from the Cherryblock Vineyard planted by the late August Sebastiani in 1961. Both blocks were planted on the traditional St. George rootstock, favored by California vintners from the late 1880s through the 1970s. It withstood California's first and second waves of phylloxera and today is the rootstock found in most of the state's oldest plantings.

VINTAGE

2016 was a prime vintage producing high quality fruit. Overall the season was earlier than average with temperate weather allowing for even ripening and balanced flavors. The summer months were moderately warm with few heat spikes. Overall, the mild season gave us wines of ample ripeness and great complexity.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was cold-soaked after harvest to build richness and flavor. All of the grapes were fermented warm and had little press wine added back to avoid any green, astringent flavors. All lots were racked off the lees and put into French oak barrels (40% new) for 14 months of aging. The wine was bottled in July 2018.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2016 Old Vine Cabernet Sauvignon boasts concentrated flavors and impeccable structure. Flavors of cherry, plum and wild berry intermingle seamlessly with graphite and bergamot tea. The palate's moderate acidity complements soft, supple tannins on the lingering finish.

- David Nakaji, *Winemaker*