



# SEBASTIANI

2016

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALEXANDER VALLEY

DAVID NAKAJI, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL DETAILS

**APPELLATION**

Alexander Valley

**COMPOSITION**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**COOPERAGE**

14 months in 20% new French oak

**ALCOHOL**

14.5%

**TA**

0.60 g/100ml

**PH**

3.63

**BOTTLING DATE**

July 2018

**CASES**

4790

## VINEYARDS

The Alexander Valley is located north of the town of Healdsburg in Sonoma County. It is one of the warmer AVAs in the region making it the perfect spot for red Bordeaux grapes. The fruit for our 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the Vimark and Della Vista Vineyards in the Alexander Valley. These vineyard sites are comprised of well drained, alluvial soils located next to the Russian River in the northern Alexander Valley. This adds concentration and distinct minerality notes.

## VINTAGE

2016 produced exceptional quality fruit in Alexander Valley. Warm temperatures in late winter and early spring pushed bud break ahead of schedule. A little unsettled weather during berry set led to some reduced yields, but overall we came in at the low end of average. The summer months were moderately warm with few heat spikes. Overall, the mild season gave us wines of ample ripeness and great complexity. We harvested our Cabernet Sauvignon from September 15 – September 30, 2016.

## WINEMAKING

After a three-day cold soak, we crushed and fermented the grapes at relatively warm temperatures in stainless steel tanks. After pressing, each lot was blended or lightly egg-white fined to remove green tannins. The wine was aged for 14 months, primarily in new and one-year-old French oak barrels. A smaller percentage went into Hungarian and American oak.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2016 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a deep ruby red in color with elegant aromas of dried cranberries, bergamot tea and vanilla wafer. Ripe and round tannins fill the mouth with flavors of black cherry, baking spices and dried herbs. The finish lingers with bright berry fruit, loamy earth and a slight sweetness imparted by the oak. While appealing in its youth, this wine will age wonderfully over the next few years.

- David Nakaji, *Winemaker*