



## 2016 “VILLA VISTA” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

Kuleto is one of the most complex and diverse wine producing properties in the world. Located in the volcanic mountains of eastern Napa our estate features 761 total acres and 82.9 acres of vines perched along ridges and clinging to steep hillsides. Our soils, exposures, elevation changes and sub-climates are so complex that we've delineated our property into more than 100 micro-blocks. Each of these tiny plots is treated as an individual vineyard with varieties, clones, rootstocks, density, trellising and farming methods tailored specifically to the site.

For winemaker John Clews, there is a mutual understanding that all but a small percentage of the winemaker's work is done in the vineyard. Keeping the vineyard's serpentine twists and exposures in mind, the best-suited varieties for each block have been selected. Working with the land, not against it, the individually terraced lots are not oriented to one central direction, but instead are planted to maximize the benefits of their natural location.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Vintage 2016 gave us yet another beautiful vintage in the Napa Valley. This following the fabulous vintages of 2012-2015. Marked by a few late-season heat spells, the wines are as opulent as the 2012s, with the concentration of the 2014s.

Wine lots and barrels selected for our Villa Vista Cabernet Sauvignon don't necessarily come from a particular spot on the estate (à la Vineyard Designate), but rather share common flavor and structural attributes that highlight bright red fruit and a balance of sweet and savory spice aromas. Certain lots are pushed further in the desired flavor and structural profile by co-fermenting with other varieties.

Our 2016 Villa Vista Cabernet Sauvignon is bursting with aromas of hawthorn berries, ripe cherry and wild flowers. This Cabernet is blended with a small portion of Sangiovese and Cabernet Franc, and offers a silky and sleek mouthfeel, bright acidity and red fruit flavors. Additional savory notes of dried Italian herbs lead to a pleasing and supple finish.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal Composition 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Sangiovese, 3% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Kuleto Estate | Alcohol 14.5%

Aging 22 months in 60% new French, American and Hungarian Oak

pH 3.6 | TA 6.4 g/l

Cases Produced 270 (12 x 750 ml)