



2016 “LONE ACRE” 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 781 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 Gio Verdejo, 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 varietals 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 is 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 Lone Acre 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 the strongest varietal characteristics of Cabernet. Our goal is to create a wine that is a balance of Old and New World in impression, i.e. the fruit is deemphasized in the aroma, but the mouth is rich and flavorful without being too heavy. The 2016 vintage displays aromas of black currant, cedar and fresh herbs. The palate offers surprisingly bright acidity with soft tannins and flavors of plum and raspberry with notes of vanilla and espresso. Smooth and lingering on the finish, this Cabernet Sauvignon promises a long cellar life.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal Composition 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot

Vineyard Kuleto Estate, 1100 - 1250 feet elevation | Alcohol 14.5%

Aging 18 months French oak, 33% new oak | pH 3.8 | TA 5.5 g/L

Cases Produced 268

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