

# ROTH

ESTATE



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

### 2016 ROTH ESTATE SONOMA COUNTY MERLOT

OUR 2016 SONOMA COUNTY MERLOT SHOWCASES THE TRUEST AND BEST EXPRESSION OF THE DIVERSE AND IDYLIC GROWING CONDITIONS IN SONOMA COUNTY. THIS 2016 LEADS WITH INTENSE AROMAS OF DARK FRUITS, HINTS OF SWEET SPICE, AND SILKY DARK CHOCOLATE. RICHLY CONCENTRATED BLACK PLUM, VIOLET, CHOCOLATE CREAM AND CARDAMOM FILL THE PALATE. ITS WELL-STRUCTURED, MOUTH-FILLING TANNINS GLIDE ACROSS THE PALATE LEADING TO A COMPLEX FINISH. THE SUPPLE FRUIT FLAVORS IN THIS WINE PAIR WONDERFULLY WITH THE EARTHY NOTES FOUND IN A GRILLED EGGPLANT DISH, OR WILD MUSHROOM RISOTTO.



## WINERY BACKGROUND

Roth Estate is committed to crafting full-flavored wines grown on the best Sonoma County vineyard sites. Beginning in 2001, Roth started producing Cabernet Sauvignon blends from hillside locations in the famed Alexander Valley. A decade later the winery expanded to include Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot and also ventured west toward the Sonoma Coast for cool climate sites for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. A state-of-the-art winemaking facility, tasting room and caves are located in Healdsburg.

## 2016 VINTAGE

2016 made for an excellent vintage in Sonoma County! An early start to the growing season was followed by warm temperatures. Consistently sunny days throughout the spring and summer resulted in even ripening of the fruit. The grapes were harvested from September 23rd to October 1st, 2015 at optimum maturity. Then it was fermented in 100% stainless steel tanks with regular pump-overs. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was aged in French, American and Hungarian oak (30% new) for 16 months.

## COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS

80% Merlot, 14% Syrah, 6% Malbec

*Sur lie aged in French, American, and Hungarian oak for 16 months (30% new)*

*Titrateable Acidity: 0.61 g/100mL*

*pH: 3.82*

*Alcohol by Volume: 14.9%*

*Cases Produced: 3,000*