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HERB LAMB VINEYARDS



2016 HL Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking Notes:

The 2016 vintage for Cabernet Sauvignon in the Napa Valley is being touted as one of the best in a decade of amazingly successful vintages. Intensely aromatic, this wine shows finesse, structural greatness and depth. Not as extracted or opulent as the 2015, nor as feminine or elegant as the 2014, the 2016 HL Cabernet Sauvignon shows the best of both.

This vintage highlights the juicy, sweet fruits of cassis, blueberry, black cherry and rich raspberry. According to winemaker, Michael Trujillo "The focus in the palate is of fresh juice, with a good weight in the middle and ideal acid balance with fine tannins completing the package. The aromatics are remarkable and continue to develop in the bottle, with fruit that jumps out of the glass. The sweet, juicy red fruit of cherry and raspberry, Mexican spices, Baker chocolate and forest floor characteristics of the hillside Herb Lamb Vineyard shine in this perfectly balanced vintage. One of the best we have ever created!"

Vintage Notes:

Although still considered a drought year, adequate rainfall in March as the vines were budding out gave the grapes a good head-start on the season. Without spikes of heat throughout the summer, cooler than average highs and a relatively even growing season, harvest looked to be early again until an August cool down gave the grapes a longer window to mature on the vine.

September warmed up nicely, allowing the grapes to fully ripen, and we picked in early October, right on schedule and before the fall rains. The balanced growing season gave us wines that are very expressive with lots of aromatics and more intense flavors and bigger structure than other vintages.

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 14.4

Barrels: 80% new French oak

Appellation: Napa Valley

Case production: 229

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Suggested Retail Price: \$150