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2016 Two Old Dogs Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaking Notes:

The aromatics are amazing on this vintage, with a deep black cherry, ripe plum, spice, mineral and pencil lead character. The very forward nose shows bright black cherry and cola, with a hint of sweet spices and herbs, and a touch of vanilla from the 65% new French oak. There is a striking aromatic presence, with flavor profiles that lean towards darker and denser fruit extractions.

In the mouth, the depth in the nose is confirmed with more black raspberry, sweet, blue fruit, minerals and dense black cherries and ripe plums. There is still a wonderful freshness, showing a good acid balance and soft tannins, but a denseness to this wine.

According to Winemaker Mike Trujillo, "Across the board, the 2016 Two Old Dogs cabernet Sauvignon is a showier vintage than the 2014 and 2015, and jumps out of the glass with ripe fruit and bold expression of its mountain terroir. It shows amazing aromatics, fresh black cherry, lots of red and blue fruit, a big body and good weight in mouth.

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, allowing the grapes to fully ripen, and we picked in early October, right on schedule. The balanced growing season gave us wines that are very expressive with lots of aromatics, that are more intense and bigger structured than other vintages.

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 14.4

Barrels: 65% new French oak

Appellation: Napa Valley

Case production: 490

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Suggested Retail Price: \$55