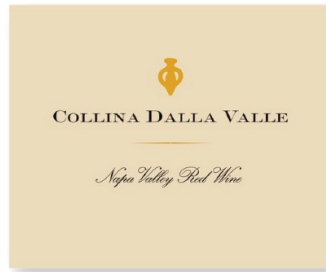


DALLA VALLE

Vineyards



2016 COLLINA DALLA VALLE NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

57% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 39% CABERNET FRANC,
5% PETITE VERDOT

HARVEST DATE: 19TH SEPTEMBER

OAK AGING: 22 MONTHS, 60% NEW OAK, 100% FRENCH

Coming on the heels of a prolonged multi-year drought, the 2016 growing season was defined by near-ideal conditions. Rain in March and early April allowed the vines to start the spring with ample moisture in the soil, making for healthy canopies and balanced vines. A dry, mild summer, with only one short heat event, helped the fruit ripen with deep color, intense aromatics, and ample natural acidity. Harvesting in September and early October allowed us to produce wines with remarkable depth, energy, and varietal typicity. Early reviews are that the wines from 2016 are some of the most compelling of the last decade.

This wine is a bold expression of this classic vintage. The first impression is of the wine's red-black color, impressive density and outright opacity. From the glass it is incredibly effusive, with notes of frankincense, baked blackberries, gunsmoke, and thyme. This complex mélange carries through to the palate, as rich black fruit flavors take hold, along with exotic hints of black licorice and sandalwood. The texture is highly polished, but with a tightly knit structure that holds it all together. This combination of aromatic intensity, well-toned muscle, expansive flavor palate, and silky texture, together take the wine to a high level of hedonistic enjoyment.