



## *2016 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

*The Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon* is sourced primarily from our two vineyards in St. Helena: the Only One Vineyard and the Spring Valley Vineyard. While this wine can age for decades, it is intended to be an exceptional entry point into the classic Heitz style and hints at what can be experienced with our single vineyard wines. To craft a wine that can be enjoyed upon release, we farm these blocks to be harvested earlier in the year and age the wines in a very small percentage of new oak.

*The 2016 Vintage* in Napa Valley combined mild summer temperatures and a series of warm days at the end of the growing season which led to an early start and finish to crush. Heitz Cellar brought in the first of our fruit on August 18th and finished our Cabernet Sauvignon harvest October 11th. Although a very busy season, the phrase “short and sweet” applies nicely to this vintage as we were able to bring all our fruit into the winery in a timely fashion and enjoyed perfect ripeness across the varietal spectrum.

*The Palate* of the Napa Valley Cabernet has always been reference point for the freshness and elegance that pure Cabernet Sauvignon is capable of achieving in the new world. The 2016 is no different. This cuvee continues to be the entry point for classically produced Cabernet Sauvignon in the Napa Valley. Bright and fresh red fruits are showing vibrantly in the 2016 and will continue to for years to come.

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**Varietal** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Appellations** Rutherford AVA, St. Helena AVA

**Aging** in a combination of new and used large oak casks and smaller barriques for two years with an additional year of bottle age before release

**Coopers** Mercier, Bordelaise, Marchive