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2016 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

LONGHORN RIDGE VINEYARD, HOFFMAN BLOCK

The grapes for this wine come from Longhorn Ridge Vineyard's Hoffman Block in the eastern part of the valley very close to the Atlas Peak AVA. Neighboring vineyard grapes are used in Caymus Special Select and we are very near to Pahlmeyer's Waters Ranch. The vineyard is only 8 acres and is on a rolling slope, riddled with granite deposits and produces very small grapes the size of an English pea. Because the yields are so small (less than 2 tons per acre), we only produce a limited amount of wine each year.

TASTING NOTES

VARIETALS: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

WINEMAKERS: Richard Bruno & Chris Condos

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

BARRELS: 50% new French Oak, 50% 2-year old French Oak for 26 months

This single vineyard Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a deep dark inky purple color which proceeds the rich cassis aromas that are replete with baking spices and dark chocolate cacao. The palate is super concentrated and deep, with sappy rich with ripe black cherry, cassis and sweet, deep and juicy boysenberry with spicy tannins of cinnamon and all spice. The wine finishes complete with balanced acid over tannins and deep fruit notes and flavors. This wine is very approachable now in its youth, but will age gracefully through 2040 and beyond. This wine is clearly a cellar candidate from an exceptional vintage. We only produced a couple hundred cases so this will be a rare, short offering.

WINEMAKER'S SUGGESTED PAIRINGS: I like this wine with beef tenderloin or slow cooked short ribs with parsnip mashed potatoes and English peas. Most heavy-bodied Napa Cabernets require decanting and this wine is no exception, so let it breathe for an hour after opening. This wine is also fun to drink on its own or with a rich chocolate dessert.

Small production, 100% Napa Valley Cab at its best
Dry-farmed, hillside vineyard with yields between 1-2 tons/acre
24 months in New French Oak

SCORES

91PTS Wine Enthusiast 08/18 - 2015 vintage

90PTS Wine Enthusiast 12/17 - 2014 vintage

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Wine Enthusiast 03/17 - 2013 vintage

92PTS Wine Advocate 10/16 - 2013 vintage

