



Cabernet Sauvignon (50%)
Merlot (30%)
Petite Verdot (20%)

Winemaker Notes:

The rich garnet-ruby hues and the complexity of aromas in this wine immediately speak for the strength of another wonderful harvest in 2016. In the nose, one is attracted by smells of dark cherries, floral notes, toffee, and a pleasing smoky earthiness and bright bramble character. The lush round entry on the palate leads to a well structured, full mouthfeel as one would expect in a top Bordeaux blend. Added notes of currants with a hint of spice make this Meritage a wine that is immediately enjoyable but that will reward the patient consumer with the added complexity that will be gained with 5 to 10 years of aging.

The Vineyards:

The grapes all come from the Napa Valley. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Verdot all come from the North part of the Napa Valley. For the Merlot we are lucky enough to have access to some of Andy Beckstoffer's best Merlot from Missouri Hopper Vineyard in the Oakville Appellation.

The Vintage:

One of the better years in the last 10. No rain from late spring until well after we were finished picking, hence no need to pick early for fear of rain or to let hang for flavor as both sugar and maturity were reached easily. Moderate temperatures throughout with only a few heat spikes during the growing season.

Pairing:

Meritage blends are some of the most complex and layered wine available. Try pairing it with grilled beef, braised short ribs, or even a mushroom pizza.

Photograph:

Milton Greene was sent by Look magazine to Los Angeles to photograph a budding actress. This stunning image of Marilyn, complete with evening dress and mink stole was one of six sittings they created at this first meeting.



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2016 NAPA VALLEY



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Appellation: Napa Valley
Sugar: 1.03 g/L (dry)
pH: 3.74
Acid: 6.29 g/L
Alcohol: 14.8%
Suggested Retail: \$70.00
Winemaker: Bob Pepi