



2016 **Aril** Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



ARIL is a family-owned winery founded in 2008 and 10 years later the Jay family purchased the brand. They were inspired to produce a small amount of premium, hand-crafted wines from the Napa Valley. Renowned winemaker and viticulturist Ehren Jordan (Failla/Turley), took over as winemaker/vineyard consultant in 2014 from previous winemaker Nate Weis (Silver Oak) and viticulturist Mike Wolf (Beckstoffer). We have maintained a simple philosophy of procuring optimal grapes and respecting them in the winery. Distinct sites and exceptional farming are followed by a minimalist approach in the winery showcasing place, balance, and elegance.

Winemaking Notes

100% Cabernet Sauvignon (20% Barrel Fermented)

65% new French oak barrels (Taransaud, Remond, Ermitage, & Atelier) for 30 months

456 cases produced

Alc.: 14.5% pH: 3.54

Winemaker/Viticulturist: Ehren Jordan

Tasting Notes

2016 will be Napa Valley's fifth year of producing an outstanding vintage. We decided for many reasons to make this a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon for this vintage; however, the primary reason was that this wine could stand on its own as 100% varietal wine, which we find more and more rare. The singularity, purity, and precision of this wine are 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Upper Napa Valley. The power of Calistoga Cabernet starts with chocolate-covered blue and black fruits; the density of the wine reminds me of a boysenberry cobbler. The mid-palate is supported by great acidity and weight, which will help the aging of the wine beautifully in the bottle for the next 3 - 5 - 15 years.

Vintage

2016 will be Napa Valley's fifth year of producing an outstanding vintage. The near-perfect 2016 growing season started early, saw ideal weather conditions throughout and wrapped up as the valley's first significant fall rainstorm arrived on October 14. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August and then a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness. Wines from the 2016 vintage are now quietly developing in cellars throughout Napa Valley and vintners are pinching themselves and smiling for the gift it appears Mother Nature has given them: a fifth consecutive vintage of stellar quality Napa Valley wines.

