



2016 KENEFICK RANCH

Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Planted on well-drained, alluvial soils at the base of Calistoga's Eastern hills, Kenefick Ranch produces vines of moderate vigor that yield loose clusters with small, concentrated berries. The loamy soil, western exposure and the warmer upper valley climate of this westward-facing vineyard helps us achieve optimal phenolic ripeness. The resulting wines consistently offer a mouthwatering combination of boysenberry and black cherry aromas with fresh fruit flavors that expand and coat the palate, along with density, layers of texture and a juicy finish.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2016 growing season proceeded as usual for Napa Valley with a nice spring that led to a warm summer. Budbreak was about five days later than last year and this trend continued throughout the season. Slightly cooler weather in May lengthened the bloom window but warm summer days in June and July helped the vines catch up to normal. The crop looked good with clusters that had a nice leaf coverage allowing for speckled light. August brought both cool and hot weather, so we kept a close eye on each block.

SENSORY EVALUATION

The 2016 Kenefick Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon leads with luxurious dark fruit and spice aromas. Layer after layer of juicy black fruit and wild berry flavors unfold on the palate, accented by notes of warm spice. Big, rich tannins provide structure and will allow this powerful Cabernet to cellar beautifully for many years to come.

APPELLATION
Calistoga, Napa Valley

VARIETAL
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING
French oak barrels
(48% new, 52% once-used)

RELEASE DATE
May 2019

HARVEST DATE
October 2–8, 2016

SKIN CONTACT
18 days

TIME
17 months

FIRST VINTAGE
1997