



2016 QUICKSILVER VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The Quicksilver Vineyard lies on the western Rutherford bench, in the acclaimed area on Bella Oaks Lane. The soils are predominantly well drained loams that produce vines of moderate size. These older vines were planted to the California sprawl system, with wider spacing and a divided canopy, giving great exposure to the fruit. Minimal irrigation is needed to obtain maximum fruit potential.

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

With its graceful aromatics accented by notes of fresh raspberry, Bing cherry and the slightest hint of Herbs de Provence, the 2016 Quicksilver Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is the epitome of elegance. Fresh red berry flavors fill the palate, and silky – almost delicate – tannins carry the wine into a beautiful finish.

APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

May 2019

HARVEST DATES

October 02–08, 2016

SKIN CONTACT

16 days

TIME

16 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2012