



2016 BEATTY RANCH

Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Located atop Howell Mountain, Beatty Ranch typically gets to enjoy the warmth of the sun when summer fog lines the valley floor. While the fruit ripens easily, we must wait for mature tannins to emerge. The red, rocky soils are ideal for producing moderate-sized vines, and this vineyard is comprised of four different clones that each provide a unique flavor profile to the overall wine.

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

An intriguing assortment of herbal notes (ranging from watermelon rind to black olive) and dark ripe fruits like boysenberry, cherry, and plum contribute to a dynamic expression of flavors in the 2016 Beatty Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine enters the palate with a vibrant acidity and purity of fruit, giving way to structured tannins and underpinnings of toasty oak.

APPELLATION

Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES

October 12, 2016

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

SKIN CONTACT

13 days

AGING

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

TIME

16 months

RELEASE DATE

March 2019

FIRST VINTAGE

2012