



## 2016 DRAGONFLY VINEYARD®

Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley



### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

The diminutive, four-acre Dragonfly Vineyard is located in St. Helena at the base of Spring Mountain. Old timers know this magical place as a “banana belt” microclimate, as its ideal summer temperatures allow the vines to develop their notable ripe and jammy fruit. The vines benefit from the site’s deep, gravelly loam soils and gentle southern exposure, and the vineyard is one of the first to be harvested each year.

### 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

Our 2016 Dragonfly Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is filled with gorgeous aromas of raspberry, cherry and Santa Rosa plum fused with elegant floral notes of violets that immediately dance out of the glass. The palate begins with abundant juicy fruit flavors that are well-layered and silky as hints of baking spices add further richness. Providing a full-mouth feel, this wine transitions to a finish with wonderful persistence.

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### APPELLATION

St. Helena, Napa Valley

### VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### AGING

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

### RELEASE DATE

March 2019

### HARVEST DATE

September 24, 2016

### SKIN CONTACT

14 days

### TIME

17 months

### FIRST VINTAGE

1997