



2016 ELEMENT 28

Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Element 28 is named after the owner of the vineyard, Erik Nickel, who ingeniously came up with the name Element 28, which is “nickel” on the periodic table. Located high in the hills across from Lake Hennessey, this vineyard has a nice western exposure, comprised of shallow, gravelly loam soils which produce small vines with loose clusters and small berries. Three different clones offer a variety of concentrated fruit flavors that are hallmarks of this hillside vineyard.

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 Element 28 Cabernet Sauvignon presents ample amounts of plum and blackberry fruits, surrounded by notes of clove, vanilla, and cardamom. The refined composition of fine-grained tannins, pure dark fruit flavors, light earthiness, and a wonderful natural acidity form an exceptionally balanced profile that render a wine enjoyable now and for many years to come.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

March 2019

HARVEST DATE

September 29, 2016

SKIN CONTACT

19 days

TIME

16 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2012