



2016 SORI BRICCO VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

High in the hills of Diamond Mountain, Sori Bricco spans two hillsides with different sun exposures resulting in separate harvest dates across the ranch. The soil is composed of a sandy, gravelly loam and the vines tend to be very small as they struggle against the slopes. The climate is warm in the early spring and these vines are among the first to bud each year. Warm summer months produce nice flavors, while cooler nights offer long hang time to gain tannin maturity each season.

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

Flaunting its hillside origins, the 2016 Sori Bricco Cabernet Sauvignon offers an impressive intensity of aromas and concentration of flavors. Dark fruit fragrances of cherry, currant, and blackberry blend harmoniously with background notes of earth, mineral, and graphite. Upon entry, the wine coats the palate with robust mountain tannins that ultimately dissolve due to the juiciness of the balanced acidity.

APPELLATION

Diamond Mountain District,
Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

March 2019

HARVEST DATE

October 5-12, 2016

SKIN CONTACT

18 days

TIME

17 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2011