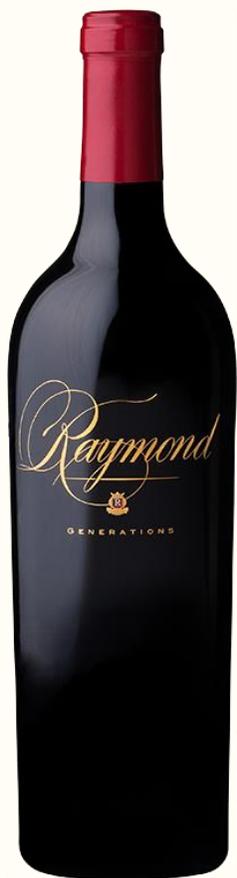




## 2016 Generations Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Varietals:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 15% by vol.

**pH:** 3.82

**TA:** 5.9 g/L

**Aging:** 20 months in 54% new French oak

**Bottled:** July 26, 2018 unfiltered and unfiltered

### IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the 2016 Generations Cabernet Sauvignon are grown in some of the best vineyards and appellations in the Napa Valley. The majority come from two vineyards; one on the west side of St. Helena known for gravelly loam soils that produce berries with sweet, ripe tannins and the other in the hills of south eastern Napa with volcanic tuffa soils. By blending grapes from these renowned appellations, we are able to make a wine that truly represents the best of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and honors our five generation history of making wine in the Napa Valley.

### ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage across California was a near-perfect growing season. A mild winter and spring led to a steady mild July and August, followed by warm days at the end of the season for the perfect ripeness. With warm days and cool nights in the summer, grape growers were able to maintain ideal acid levels with balanced, concentrated fruit flavors.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

This limited production wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from clone 4 and the Oakville Ranch Selection. Grapes were fermented on the skins and underwent extended maceration for an average of 60 days to lend complexity and depth to the wine before being racked to new, tight-grained, medium and medium-plus toast French oak barrels for 20 months of aging. Only our best barrels of Taransaud, Baron, Demptos and Ermitage were selected for this Cabernet Sauvignon. We used 54% new oak and put the balance in once-used barrels. This wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on July 26, 2018.

### WINE PROFILE

Deep garnet purple in color, this 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon has licorice, crème de cassis and mocha aromas with an underlying hint of smoked meat and cardamom. This is a big and rich wine with fine-grained tannins and concentrated flavors of berry preserves with spicy layers and a velvety texture. The finish is long and harmonious with lingering mineral notes.