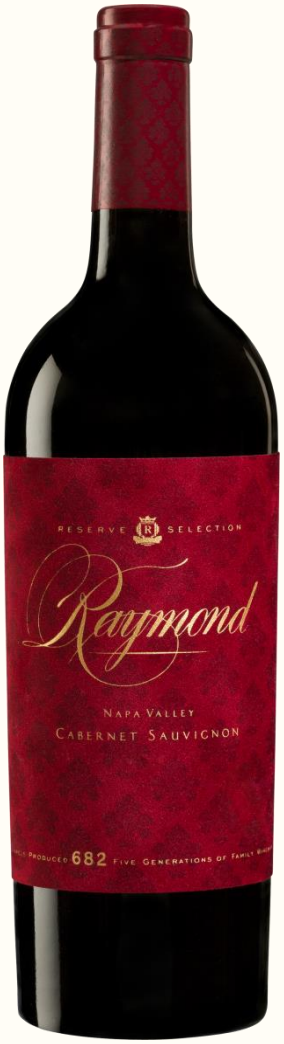
NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2016 Reserve Selection
Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot, 2% Malbec, 1% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 14.5% by vol.

pH: 3.70

TA: 6.0 g/L

Aging: 19 months in French oak, 38% new French oak

In the Vineyard

The grapes for our Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from our organic and Biodynamic® vineyards in Rutherford, as well as select vineyards on the hillsides of Napa with the balance coming from the heart of Napa Valley. The hillside vineyards provide structure and acidity to the wine while the valley floor vineyards provide the richness and plushness you get on the palate.

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 Winemakers

The wine spent an average of 48 days on skins before aging 19 months in 100% French oak, of which, 38% was new French oak from Demptos, Seguin Moreau, Ermitage and Taransaud. The final blend includes small amounts of Petit Verdot, Merlot, Malbec and Petite Sirah for added depth and complexity. The wine was bottled unfiltered, contributing greater texture and presence to the mid palate.

Wine Profile

With inviting aromas of dark spices and currants that mingle with fresh raspberry and blueberry, our 2016 Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon tempts the palate. The round and plush entry is complemented by toasted oak and a fruit compote creating a velvety texture that coats the mouth. Flavors of dark berry fruits and spices continue through to the long and rich finish creating a wine of great density.