

DISTRICT 7



2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Our name? While you may think it represents a riveting story of mystery, intrigue and rebellion with a hint of romance, District 7 actually refers to our official regional designation. There are 17 grape crushing districts in California and Monterey County is number 7. Fortunately, our AVA is much more than just a prime number. Most aficionados recognize Monterey County as one of the most amazingly beautiful and diverse winegrowing regions in the world. Our climate and soils are complex and our wines are refreshing and delicious.

VINEYARDS

The 2016 District 7 Cabernet Sauvignon combines fruit from two estate vineyards in southern Monterey County. Our Hames Valley Vineyard is located near the border of San Luis Obispo County. Sheltered from the afternoon winds, it possesses the largest diurnal temperature swings in the county. The combination of warm days, crisp nights and an incredibly long growing season makes this an ideal locale for big, tannic reds. Our San Lucas Vineyard is in the San Lucas AVA. (What are the odds of that?) This is Monterey County's climatic tipping point for Bordeaux red varieties with days that are warm and sunny and nights that are cold and calm.

VINTAGE

The 2016 growing season was picture perfect. It featured cool mornings, warm afternoons and temperate nights with no late frosts, little rain and few severe heat spikes. The fruit achieved full physiological maturity with balanced acidity and moderate sugar levels.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested in the early morning hours based on ripeness, acidity, pH and seed color. In the winery, the fruit was sorted, crushed and fermented in small lots. Gentle handling and minimal intervention preserved the integrity of the variety and the character of the individual sites.

TASTING NOTES

Each year we learn something new about our vineyards and our winemaking techniques. It's one of the reasons we're able to elevate our quality vintage after vintage. Our 2016 Cabernet is wonderfully dark and powerful with aromas and flavors that include blackberry, cassis, anise, earth and leather. It is ripe, round and juicy with light chewy tannins and a long finish.

WINE FACTS

APPELLATION: **Monterey**
VINEYARD: **Hames Valley & San Lucas**
HARVEST BRIX: **Average of 25.2°**
COMPOSITION: **Cabernet Sauvignon**
COOPERAGE: **French, American and Hungarian oak, 35% new, 12 months**
ALCOHOL: **13.5%**
PH: **3.70**
TA: **6.6 g/L**
BOTTLING DATE: **2/26/18**
RELEASE DATE: **4/9/18**



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