

Bougetz Cellars

**2016 BOUGETZ CELLARS ARDANTE
MOUNT VEEDER
CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2016 Ardante Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot. The source for this wine is from Yates Family Vineyard, up near the top of Mount Veeder. Showing mountain fruit characteristics, this wine is deep purple/ruby in color, with black fruits filling up the nose. Full-bodied, scores of blackberries, and black cherry flavors with a nice spice box base. A bit of patience on this wine, as a few years of aging will tame the tannic edge that drapes the mouth-coating fresh black fruits.

HARVEST NOTES

Heading into the fourth year of a prolonged drought, we had a warm, dry winter, which led to an early bud break in 2016. The growing season stayed ahead of normal through the entire season with no measurable rainfall until mid-October, which slowed things down. Hanging above the fog line most of the season, the vines remained healthy and dry. Lots of loose clusters with small berries showing a richness in the thick skins. The fruit was harvested early in the morning on October 10th.



Harvest date: October 10th, 2016

- Appellation: Mount Veeder
- Brix at harvest: 26.6
- Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry
- Fermentation: 14-day ferment
- Aging: 22 months, with 75% new French oak, 25% once used
- Alcohol: 14.7%
- pH: 3.65
- TA: 6.70 g/L
- Bottled: August 2018
- Case production: 70 cases
- Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz
- Suggested retail: \$75



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