

Bougetz Cellars

**2016 BOUGETZ CELLARS JOVANA
NAPA VALLEY
MERLOT/CABERNET FRANC**

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2016 Jovana Napa Valley Merlot/Cabernet Franc is a blend of 59% Merlot and 41% Cabernet Franc. The Merlot comes from Orchard Vineyard in the Oak Knoll district, with the Cabernet Franc coming from the top of Mt Veeder, from the Yates Family Vineyard. Showing dark ruby color, fresh blueberries, black cherries and cedar notes leap from the glass. The inviting nose is followed with a broad, juicy mid-palate that is kept in check with a fresh, clean finish. Very pleasing now but will show even better with two to four years of cellaring.

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. The fruit from both sources (Merlot from the Oak Knoll District and Cabernet Franc from the Mt Veeder AVA) were harvest before any rain arrived, being harvested in perfect, cool October conditions.



Harvest date: October 10th, 2016 (Merlot)
October 6th, 2016 (Cab Franc)

- Appellation: Napa Valley
- Brix at harvest: 26.3
- Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry
- Fermentation: 14-day ferment
- Aging: 22 months, with 67% new French oak, 33% once used
- Alcohol: 14.5%
- pH: 3.60
- TA: 6.40 g/L
- Bottled: August 2018
- Case production: 165 cases
- Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz
- Suggested retail: \$52



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