



**2016 BOUGETZ CELLARS EMINENCE
NAPA VALLEY
CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2016 Eminence Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot. This Cabernet from the Caldwell Vineyard in the Coombsville AVA, always shows a deep ruby/purple color, with an immense power just waiting to jump from the glass. Blackberries, cassis and a note of chocolate escape from the glass. 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. This allowed the fruit to have a few weeks longer and it showed in the quality of the fruit that was picked early on the morning of October 13th.



Harvest date: October 13th, 2016

- Appellation: Napa Valley
- Brix at harvest: 27.7
- Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry
- Fermentation: 14-day ferment
- Aging: 22 months, with 75% new French oak, 25% once used
- Alcohol: 14.9%
- pH: 3.67
- TA: 6.80 g/L
- Bottled: August 2018
- Case production: 228 cases
- Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz
- Suggested retail: \$62



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