

2016 Napa Valley

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon was the first wine produced by Rombauer Vineyards when the winery was founded in 1980. This bottling is made exclusively with Napa Valley fruit from vineyards owned by the Rombauer family, along with carefully selected sites from some of the region's top growers.

VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine comes from vineyards in the Stags Leap District, Atlas Peak, Mount Veeder, St. Helena, Calistoga and Rutherford AVAs.

WINEGROWING

A cool spell in August stalled harvest a bit at the outset, but a warm September brought a mad dash to the finish. All in all, 2016 was another high-quality vintage despite small volumes for some varieties due to cool, rainy weather at flowering. Sustainable farming practices throughout the growing season were tailored to each block with the assistance of aerial photos produced using NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) technology. The fruit was hand-picked at night and sorted in the vineyard

WINEMAKING

The grapes were carefully destemmed and optically sorted to ensure only perfect fruit

made it into the wine. A cold soak extracted color and flavor, before a combination of tank and barrel fermentation was used to provide a richer, more textured palate. The wine was gently basket-pressed before being racked to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is vibrant dark purple with a fuchsia rim. The nose is expressive, with aromas of red fruit, cassis and toast. The wine is full-bodied, packed with flavors of boysenberry, raspberry and black cherry, along with notes of sweet tobacco, cedar and vanilla. Supple tannins carry through to a lingering finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our favorite *Joy of Cooking*[®] pairings* for this wine include Grilled Steaks with Mushroom Ragout or Osso Buco with Risotto Milanese.



RELEASE DATE	July 2018	HARVESTED	Sept. 19– Oct. 10, 2016
APPELLATION	Napa Valley	AVERAGE BRIX AT HARVEST	26.7
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc	COOPERAGE	16 months in 80% new French oak
		ALCOHOL	14.5%

*Recipes for pairings with a noted page number can be found in the 75th anniversary edition of the *Joy of Cooking*. Recipes not appearing in the book can be found at www.JoyofCooking.com.



The Joy of Wine

THE ROMBAUER FAMILY *Inspired by the wine movement of the 1970s in Napa Valley, Koerner and Joan Rombauer entered the wine business in 1976, then launched Rombauer Vineyards in 1980. As stewards of the land, the Rombauers have strived to produce the best wine an appellation, terroir and climate will achieve. The second and third generations are dedicated to continuing Koerner and Joan's vision.*

3522 Silverado Trail North | St. Helena, CA 94574 | 800.622.2206 | rombauer.com