



DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL 2016 North of the Gate Wine Competition
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GOLD MEDAL 2016 Lake County Wine Competition

WINEMAKER NOTES

Cache Creek Vineyard is on a gentle slope, which descends toward Cache Creek in the northern region of Clear Lake, California. As this area is between the coastal region and the hot San Joaquin interior valley, the weather tends to be more dramatic than the more isolated valleys. The soils are lean and tend to stress the vines. The result is the opportunity to develop a Cabernet that demonstrates strong varietal character while capturing the assertive tannins of the dramatic temperature swings and shorter growing period of this higher elevation area (1300 ft.). We use classic Bordeaux barrels to enhance the unique flavors and temper the tannins into an elegant presentation that will complement most hearty foods and occasions.

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| COMPOSITION | Cabernet Sauvignon |
| VINEYARD | Cache Creek Vineyards |
| APPELLATION | Lake County |
| ALCOHOL | 14.09% |
| TA | 0.61g/100ml |
| pH | 3.86 |
| COOPERAGE | 80% French oak; 20% American oak barrels |
| BARREL AGING | 22 months |
| PRODUCTION | 1429 cases |

TASTING NOTES

The nose offers inviting aromas of red currant and cherry laced with hints of spicy forest floor. A velvety entry and mouthfeel showcase classic Cabernet flavors caressed with supple tannins and integrated oak. Rich cherry is bathed with vanilla, along with traces of coffee and chocolate. The satisfying broad finish lingers as you contemplate the next sip.

We recommend giving this wine a little time to breathe, or decant, before enjoying. It pairs perfectly with beef stroganoff over fresh egg noodles, or coffee-crusted beef tenderloin with a side of roasted potatoes.