



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE



Vintage: The 2016 vintage was another early harvest, similar to 2015. A mild winter with average rainfall provided some drought relief, but bud-break still came 2-3 weeks earlier than normal. Warm spring weather allowed for good berry set and a slightly below average crop. Moderate summer temperatures easily brought the fruit to full maturity. The wines of 2016 have intense aromas and flavors with nice structure and balance.

Vineyard: The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 400 acres of hills and valleys, which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides conditions well suited for wine-growing. Cabernet Sauvignon is planted in various sites - on steep, southwest-facing hillsides. The vines range from 20 to 42 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. **Cabernet Sauvignon is the only wine produced by Truchard Vineyards with a "reserve" designation. It is a very limited bottling that is a tribute to the quality of this unique vineyard.**

Harvest: Oct. 9 – 18 • 24.4 °Brix • 3.50 pH • 6.6 g/L TA

Winemaking: All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Each fermentation was pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. The lots were pressed after 28 days of maceration. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak (75% new). Racking occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2018. This wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. It is drinkable upon release, but will gracefully age for the next 20+ years.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.62 pH • 6.0 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: A classic Cabernet nose of ripe plum, cassis, and raspberry; with hints of cedar, cocoa, and sweet vanilla. The mouth is layered with flavors of blackberry, cherries, and red currants. Velvety tannins lift the palate and provide an elegant finish of berry and spice.

Release Date: August 1st, 2020

Cases Produced: 168 cases

