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2016 *Mountainside* cabernet sauvignon

TASTING NOTES

With a rich ruby color, this full-bodied wine opens with aromas of cigar box, Bing cherries, cranberry sauce, saddle leather, and bay leaves. On the palate we find flavors of Luxardo cherries, Campari, Valrhona chocolate, pomegranates, and apple tartletts, with robust tannins and hints of freshly turned earth and crushed rocks on the long and persistent finish.

18 months in 100% French Oak, 72% new
77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc,
4% Merlot, 4% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot
14.0% ABV 1400 9L cases produced

2016 VINTAGE NOTES

The near-perfect 2016 growing season started early, and saw ideal weather conditions throughout and wrapped up as the valley's first significant fall rainstorm arrived on October 14th. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August and then a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, our vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness. Wines from the 2016 vintage showcase classic Napa Valley qualities of fruit, acid, and tannin in perfect balance. Amazingly, this represents a streak of 5 consecutive vintages of excellent quality stretching back to 2012.

