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Heitz Cellar

NAPA VALLEY

2016 TRAILSIDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Located at the base of the Vaca Mountain range along the eastern edge of Rutherford, the Trailside Vineyard captures the heart of Rutherford terroir, vinified in our classic Heitz style. The well-drained volcanic soil of this parcel allows the vineyard to convey the essence of the growing season, year after year. Vibrant notes of rustic red fruit, rosemary, sage and thyme are supported by mouthwatering tannins and a soft, elegant finish. This wine is ready for immediate enjoyment and will continue to evolve over the next 20+ years.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage is referred to locally as a 'near-perfect growing season.' The year began with abundant rainfall, followed by a mild spring. Moderate summer temperatures and a series of warm days at the end of the growing season led to an early start and finish to crush. Heitz Cellar brought in the first of our fruit on August 18th and finished our Cabernet Sauvignon harvest on October 11th. The phrase "short and sweet" applies nicely to this vintage as we were able to bring all our fruit into the winery in a timely fashion and enjoyed perfect ripeness.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Vineyard Details

Size: 78 Acres | **Vine Age:** 10-19 years | **Clones:** CS 4, 6, 7, 337, 412, 685, 29, 30, 5197. SB Musque, CF 327, 623 | **Soil:** Cortina gravelly loam, Boomer-Forward-Felta Complex, Perkins gravelly loam, Bale clay loam, Pleasanton loam, Yolo loam | **Elevation:** 150-200' | **Training Method:** Method Cane pruned Elkhorn, GDC, VSP

Cultivation (as of Jan 2022)
Certified CCOF organic, Demeter
Biodynamic Certification

Varietal Composition & AVA

100% Cabernet Sauvignon |
Rutherford AVA

Aging Regimen

Aged for three years in a combination of old and new French oak barrels, ranging from 228 to 12,000L. Followed by two years of bottle aging before release.

Coopers: Mercier, Bordelaise, Marchive

Pack Size

6/750ml

Alcohol

14%

