

2016 CONTADINA Cabernet Sauvignon



Wine Spectator

VINEYARD SOURCE

Sorenson Vineyard: Cabernet Sauvignon

Planted in the 1870's by Swiss-Italian immigrants, our estate on Howell Mountain is south-west facing with a 27% slope. The soils are comprised of densely compacted volcanic ash with large granitic stones.

Haymaker Vineyard: Petite Verdot and Malbec

Acquired by Burgess Cellar in 1987, Haymaker Vineyard sits on the opposite side of Howell Mountain facing east, with a slope averaging 20%. Its soil composition mirrors the Sorenson, with bands of uplifted marine sediments.

TASTING NOTES

A dense and concentrated cabernet with aromas and flavors of confectionary blackberry and stewed cassis. The lush fruit is brought into balance by high tone herbal aromatics of mint, sage, and sweet tobacco. The distinctively thick-skinned Cabernet grapes provide a long velvety finish.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Varietal Composition 90% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Petit Verdot 4% Malbec

oak barrique, 85% neutral French oak barrique

Alcohol I 4.5% *AVA* Napa Valley

Aging Regimen

Aged 22 months in 15% new French

Fermentation

All components fermented separately in stainless steel.



