



2016 Kelly Fleming Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage Notes:

The 2016 growing season was a season of near perfection in the Napa Valley. After several years of drought conditions, the winter season graced the valley with an abundance of rain, establishing a solid foundation for the vines to lean on throughout the spring and summer. Budbreak began in mid March, and was followed by a mostly mild spring and summer. The cool, foggy days of August seemed to moderate the ripening process, allowing flavor, tannin and sugar development to progress at an even pace.

Winemaker's Notes:

The 2016 Estate Cabernet is a compelling wine - one that offers a bit of mystery and reveals the deep and complex nature of the Kelly Fleming property. The nose is ripe with dark fruit characters, exuding black cherry, crème de cassis and black mission fig. Just below the surface, layers of black tea, orange peel, clove, and sandalwood emerge to engage the senses. The palate pulls no punches - it is concentrated and powerful, dark and serious. Loads of dark chocolate and black plum flavors, along with hints of olive and spice, add character and charm to the wine's full-bodied appeal and silky entry. The tannins are firm yet chiseled, pointing towards even greater integration and evolution over the next 10-20 years. In all, the 2016 vintage is an exceptional representation of the diverse landscape encompassing our Simmons Canyon estate.

Grape Source: Kelly Fleming Estate Vineyard

Appellation: Calistoga

Winemaking Team: Rebecca George and Françoise Peschon

Vineyard Manager: Mike Wolf

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 15.3%

Oak Profile: 75% new French oak, 25% neutral French oak

Aging: 20 months

Cases Produced: 856

Harvested: September 17th - September 26th, 2016

Bottled: June 2018



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