



2016 Las Posadas

HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY

When the development of Las Posadas began in 2001, we envisioned a vineyard that would be a pillar of Howell Mountain. Nearly 20 years later, with 15 vintages of wines made, we have discovered how diverse and exciting the wines from this high elevation site can be. There are three different portions of the vineyard: the steep, south east facing 11 acres planted in 2002, the “corral” is a 7 acre section planted in 2006 and the “airport” vineyard completed the plantings in 2015. The original vines and the “corral” are the backbone of the Las Posadas wine with Cabernet Franc playing a much larger role than in the first vintages. With a total of 33 acres under vine, we are excited to see how all three sections will combine to elevate Las Posadas to new heights.

Harvest is always stretched out at Las Posadas. The first fruit comes off early for Howell Mountain—a scavenged mix across the entire property yielding a very important component for the final blend. The core of the 2016 Las Posadas wine was the two fermentations on 10/6 and 10/12—both dense and exotic expressions of the vineyard, and each nearly equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc with the addition of Petit Verdot. The final selection was from the oldest vines that tipped the final blend to a majority of Cabernet Sauvignon. In total, 14 barrels combined to create a blend of 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Cabernet Franc, 15% Petit Verdot, 8% Malbec and 5% Merlot.

INAUGURAL VINTAGE:	2006
ACREAGE:	33
SOIL COMPOSITION:	Red Aiken
VARIETIES:	Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Merlot
HARVEST DATES:	September 20 October 6, 12, 14
PRODUCTION:	14 Barrels
BOTTLED:	June 2019
RELEASE DATE:	Spring 2021