



2016 Madrona Ranch

ST HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

With vines ranging in age from 5-35 years, multiple row directions and soil compositions, there are many flavors and textures that can be combined and layered together at Madrona Ranch. By embracing these differences, the singularity of these site-specific wines reach a heightened level of complexity and transcendence.

Harvest always begins with a scavenger hunt at Madrona Ranch. Parts of nine different blocks were combed through on September 15 to create the first component of the blend—a Cabernet Franc and Merlot prominent fermentation. Portions of the same blocks were picked again on September 22 to form a more dense and angular blending component, this time with more Petit Verdot. Two days later, the first of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc bases came together. This pick was more focused on the gravelly loam we see on the east side of the vineyard. The older vines composed the fourth selection, the core coming from the vines planted in 1980 and 1986. Lastly, on September 28, the oldest Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc came off to form the central core of the 2016 blend. 16 barrels combined to create a blend of 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Cabernet Franc, 15% Petit Verdot and 6% Merlot.

INAUGURAL VINTAGE:	1986
ACREAGE:	23
SOIL COMPOSITION:	Pleasanton, Gravelly Loam, Bale Clay, Red Aiken
VARIETIES:	40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Cabernet Franc, 15% Petit Verdot, 6% Merlot
HARVEST DATES:	September 15, 22, 24, 27, 28
PRODUCTION:	16 Barrels
BOTTLED:	December 2018
RELEASE DATE:	September 2020