

TWENTY SEVEN FATHOMS Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2016



2016 VINTAGE

After five years of drought we saw some relief in the form of substantial, nourishing rains during the winter months. An early, warm spring prompted an early budbreak, with veraison also starting early. It seemed like 2016 would be another early vintage, until the moderate, steady heat of summer stretched the ripening season a little longer than expected. We allowed the fruit to hang a little longer and achieve ideal ripeness. The early rains in October were of no concern since the wines were already happily fermenting in the winery before the first drop fell. We are happy to report that the quality of the 2016 vintage is simply superb.

TASTING NOTES

A little shy at first, this deep, dark Cabernet evolves into a complex symphony of ripe fruit, spice and earthy aromas. A couple swirls in the glass will release aromas of baking spice, cinnamon and red delicious apple. Subtle tones of mulling spice and ripe summer fruit emerge as the wine opens up. Big, rich and round upon entry with unctuous layers of mouthwatering plum, red licorice, Bing cherry, baking spice and hints of dark cocoa. Sultry flavors of lingonberry and black licorice layer into an intense wine that finishes with savory spice and vanilla bean. Showing great complexity in its youth, this wine will mature to fulfill its destiny as a classic Napa Valley Cabernet.

Vintage: 2016 Appellation: 100% Napa Valley Varietal: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec Cooperage: 100% French oak, 70% new Production: 610 Cases