



2016 Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon

Founded in 1991 by Michael Dragutsky, Cornerstone Cellars is the quintessential Napa Valley mountain and benchland producer of Cabernet Sauvignon. Our winemaking led by Kari Auringer honors Napa Valley's great heritage by crafting intense, elegant and balanced wines that stand among the very best winegrowing estates in the world. Through intellectual rigor, humility, and with the utmost respect for the land, Cornerstone Cellars aims to make wines that truly speak to its exceptional vineyard sites in the most authentic and genuine way possible.



2016 Vintage

Throughout most of California the winter months finally brought us substantial, nourishing rains after four long years of drought, giving stressed vineyards and winemakers some relief. An early, warm spring triggered a slightly early budbreak, with veraison also starting early in many vineyards. All evidence pointed to 2016 being another early vintage, until the mild summer days bathed the vineyards in moderate temperatures and stretched the ripening season a little longer than expected. Long sunny days with moderate temperatures allowed us to hang the fruit on the vines a little longer, achieving ideal ripeness without intervention from Mother Nature.

2016 Tasting Notes

This beautifully balanced wine is showing all the attributes you might expect from Calistoga. A solid core of red and black fruit, some spice notes and a dried earthiness, distinct from the red earth you'll find in Cabernet from Rutherford. Chewy tannins are balanced with focused fruit wrapped in a delicate layer of baking spice and dried herb. Supple tannins on the finish suggest a hillside heritage.

2016 Winemaking Notes

Vintage:	2016
Appellation:	86% Calistoga 7% Rutherford 7% Napa Valley
Varietals:	94% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Merlot 3% Petit Verdot
Harvest Date:	September 23, 2016
Cooperage:	65% New French oak, 35% 2-Year French oak
Alcohol:	14.5%
pH:	3.8
TA:	6.3 g/L
Bottling date:	February 20, 2019
Production:	810 6-pak cases
Retail:	\$85

Note: This small family vineyard is an exquisite farmed, terraced vineyard on the foothills of the Palisades.