

SIX RIDGES

2016

ALEXANDER VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



“Six Ridges” celebrates the unique character of Sonoma County’s best wine regions. These wines are named in honor of the mountain ridges that border our vineyards and create the distinctive terroirs.

TASTING NOTES

An expressive and beautifully balanced Cabernet Sauvignon with aromas of ripe blackberry and raspberry underscored by notes of caramel and cinnamon. The palate is rich but not astringent—full of ripe fruit and hints of baking spices. The finish is characterized by toastiness from the oak barrels reminiscent of a lightly roasted coffee.

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Alexander Valley lies in the northeast of Sonoma County where mountains shelter the vines from the Pacific Ocean’s cooling influence. This warm climate is ideal for growing Cabernet Sauvignon wines of intense flavor and silky tannins, and the excellent drainage of the rich, gravelly soils provides unique depth and character to the wines.

FROM THE WINEMAKER

Although 2016 had near average rainfall it wasn’t enough to lift California from its fifth year of drought which led to a balanced crop. A late season heat spike resulted in a harvest slightly earlier than usual. We harvested our Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon grapes between September 20th and October 6th. Each vineyard lot was fermented separately on the skins for 15 to 25 days, then settled and racked twice before the wine was aged for 20 months in small oak barrels.



WINEMAKING DETAILS

Composition: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec
Appellation: Alexander Valley
Vintage conditions: dry growing season, light crop
Harvest method: hand

Oak regimen: 65% French, 15% Hungarian and 20% American oak
Aging: 20 months barrel aged
Cellaring potential: 5-10 Years
Acidity/pH: 3.68 / 6.6
Alcohol: 14.8%

FOOD PAIRINGS

Roasted Beef Tenderloin
Black and Blue Steak Salad
Sautéed Chicken with Wild Rice



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