



# PLUMPJACK

WINERY

## 2016 PLUMPJACK ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

### VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was yet another drought year – the fifth in a row in the Napa Valley. Though the little rain that did fall came at the right time. Our vines got a healthy dose of water before and after budbreak, when they need the water for a burst of growth. The spring and early summer were warm and dry, and the days grew hotter as summer progressed. It seemed as though we would have another early harvest due to the heat of late-August and early-September. However, the days cooled enough for our grapes to mature more slowly, allowing flavor to develop and tannin to mature prior to harvesting.

### FERMENTATION & AGING

The Estate grapes were cold soaked for a period of 3-4 days and then fermented up to a maximum temperature of 94 degrees. The wines from each block on our Estate extracted incredible tannin, color, and flavor concentration in a very short time, and the wines were drained off the skins after a total maceration of only 7 – 12 days. The wine was then racked to barrel to undergo malolactic fermentation and to age. This wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels, 80% of which were new. The coopers used were primarily Sylvain, Taransaud, Cavin, and Nadalie. The cooperage is a blend of medium, medium-plus, and heavy toast barrels from a variety of forests. This blend of coopers, forests, and toasts lends the wine more layers and aromatic complexity.

### WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

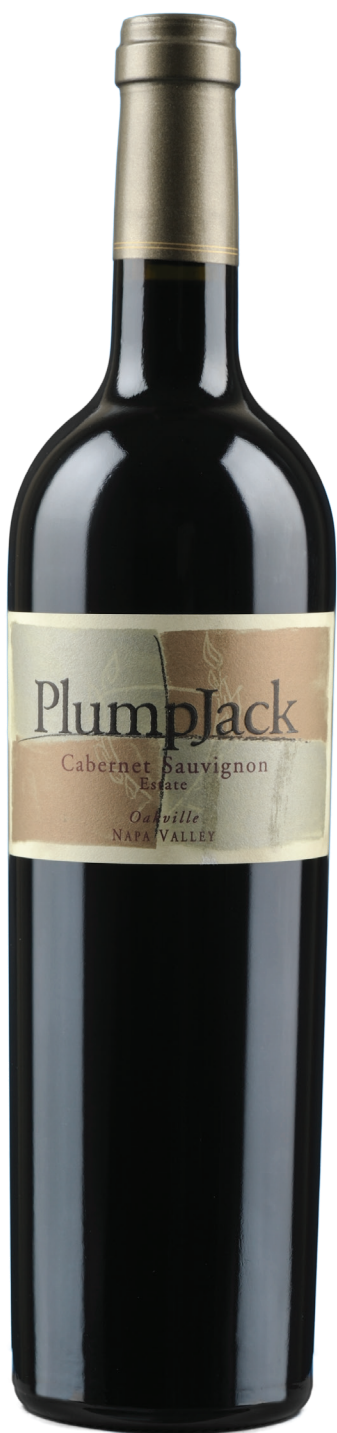
The seductive and alluring 2016 PlumpJack Estate Cabernet Sauvignon immediately draws you in with fruit aromas of blackberry, blueberry, and black cherry. Savory spice aromas of sage, clove, and nutmeg compliment the fruit and bring depth and complexity. These flavors carry over to the palate, which has a rich, creamy texture balanced by a crisp, fresh acid. The tannin is bold yet seamless and silky, while the persistent finish gives the impression of blackberries dusted with baker's chocolate.

**VARIETALS/BLEND** 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot

**PRODUCTION** 180 barrels

**ALCOHOL** 15.4%

**HARVEST DATES** September 10th - September 28th, 2016



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POINTS

