



# PLUMPJACK

WINERY

## 2016 PLUMPJACK RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE

### 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 warmer 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 and our grapes were able to mature more slowly, allowing flavor to develop and tannin to mature prior to harvesting.

### FERMENTATION & AGING:

The 2016 Plumpjack Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 93% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Petit Verdot sourced primarily from the gravelly I & K blocks on the east side of our estate. These blocks were subdivided and picked into smaller lots to ensure the grapes were picked at the peak of maturity. These grapes were fermented in several types of tanks and the resulting wine was fermented in 40% concrete, 30% oak, and 30% stainless steel tanks. The grapes were cold soaked then fermented at a maximum temperature of 92 degrees F and pressed once the wines possessed the desired concentration and tannin. The wines were then racked to 100% new French oak Sylvain, Darnajou, and Taransaud barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging. The wines were allowed to age for 22 months prior to bottling.

### WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS:

The 2016 PlumpJack Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon delivers. Just seeing the inky-purple hue of the wine as it is pouring into the glass awakens and excites the senses. The aroma isn't dominated by any one flavor. There are layers of black cherry, boysenberry, chocolate-covered espresso bean, and violets with just a touch of cinnamon, mint, and sage lying underneath. These flavors are found on the palate as well, which is rich and full-bodied with a velvety tannin and fresh acidity that lead to the long, lingering finish.

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**PRODUCTION:** 583 Cases

**ALCOHOL:** 15.6%



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