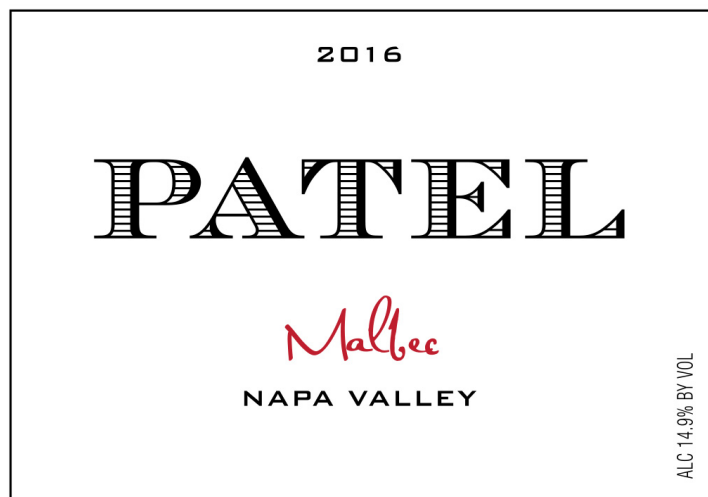


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NAPA VALLEY



Vintage: 2016

Varietal: Malbec

Appellation: Napa Valley

Aging: 19 months in 80% new French oak

Production: 130 cases

Release date: Autumn 2019

Notes:

Our 2016 Malbec, which hails from the acclaimed Stagecoach Vineyard, is a unique expression of Napa Valley Malbec. This mountain vineyard's dark red dirt, with its high clay and iron content, results in a powerful wine that exudes richness, depth and texture. Deeply perfumed, with notes of ripe red fruits, it is expressive and refined.

Vintage:

The near-perfect 2016 growing season started early, saw ideal weather conditions throughout and wrapped up as the valley's first significant fall rainstorm arrived on October 14. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August and then a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness. Napa Valley vintners are pinching themselves and smiling for the gift it appears Mother Nature has given them: a fifth consecutive vintage of stellar quality Napa Valley wines.

Vinification:

Arriving in small picking lugs from the vineyards, the clusters were hand sorted, de-stemmed and hand sorted again, berry by berry. A two-day cold soak was followed by primary fermentation in small, open-top stainless-steel tanks. Following an extended maceration, the fruit was gently pressed and the wine moved to barrel for secondary fermentation. The wine aged for 19 months in 80% new French artisan oak barrels with minimal racking. Multiple blending trials determined the final blend, which we bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.