

Smith & Wollensky

2016 Red Wine
Napa Valley

The Vintage

2016 was another near perfect growing season with idyllic weather throughout the year. Harvest was a bit earlier than usual, and yields were balanced. Most importantly, the quality of fruit was once again impressive, marked by complex aromatics and flavors.

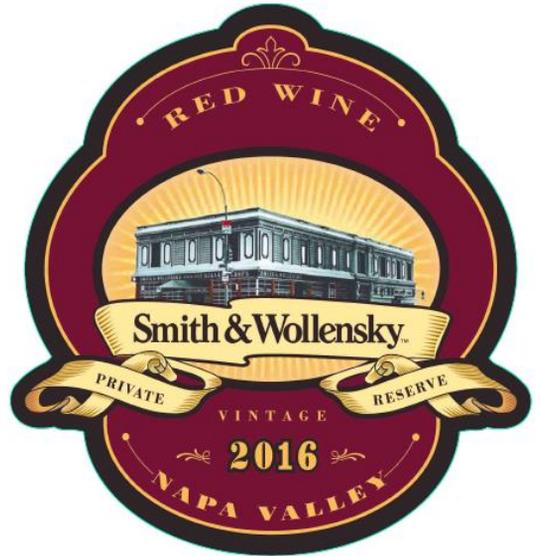
The Vineyards

The Cabernet Sauvignon for this blend from St. Helena, Oakville, Rutherford & Pope Valley. These regions offer dark fruit and well integrated tannin development. We source Merlot from Yountville & Rutherford which lend to the lush fruit components. Our primary sources for Cab Franc and Petit Verdot came from the Pope Valley region of Napa that tends to allow for longer hang time. Our Petite Verdot vineyards tend to be our last fruit brought in, allowing for very complex character and tannin development. The Malbec from Yountville adds mid-palate weight and juiciness.

Winemakers Notes

Picking our vineyards not only based on ripeness but even more important at the right moment of flavor development begins the process of a great wine. During harvest we keep close eyes on fermentation temperatures and our yeasts progress hoping to hit the ideal time and temperature for flavor development and extraction. After fermentation is complete the wine will age in some of our favorite French oak to add character and complexity.

100 % French Oak, 35% New with 65% mix of 2nd and 3rd use French oak. Coopers included Taransaud, Boutes, Gamba, Bel Air, Sylvain, Bossuet & Quintessence.



Tasting Notes

Aromas blackberry, currant and vanilla bean interlace with notes of toasted spices. On the palate, flavors of chocolate covered cherries and sweet tobacco unfold, revealing hints of mocha and boysenberry. Structured tannins and bright acidity with a lingering finish to pair well with steaks and fare at Smith & Wollensky

The Blend

38% Cabernet Sauvignon,
36% Merlot
12% Malbec
9% Cabernet Franc
5% Petit Verdot

Alcohol 14.5%