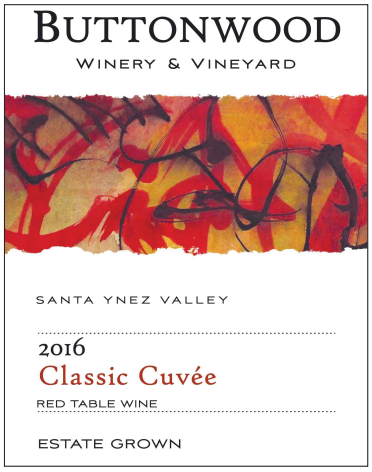
Buttonwood

Winery & Vineyard

2016 Classic Cuvée

Proudly Grown, Produced and Bottled on our Santa Ynez Valley Estate

Overview	Created to be your go-to everyday wine, this Bordeaux blend is great with meatloaf on Wednesday, pizza on Friday or barbecue any day of the week.
Blend	45% Merlot, 40% Malbec, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon.
Specs	13.9% Alcohol, 3.59 pH, 7.0 g/L acidity.
Production	359 750ml, 100 375ml cases. Bottled May 2018.



In the Vineyard

All of our four Bordeaux varieties come together in this easy-going blend. All own-rooted and cane pruned, Merlot and Malbec majestically sweep down an east-west swale, while Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon march north-south in the ancient rocky soils of the southeast corner of the estate.

The Vintage

A warm spring and early summer led to sublime conditions in July and August for even ripening. One of the earliest harvests in decades, we picked Malbec on 9/22, Merlot on 10/5, Cabernet Sauvignon on 10/11 and Cabernet Franc on 10/12. A gracious and giving vintage.

Winemaking

All four varietals were fermented and aged separately using about 20% new French oak barrels for 24 months. The most approachable barrels were chosen and a blend determined, returned to barrel to "marry" as a cuvée, then cross-flow filtered and bottled under a screwtop finish May 2018.

Tasting Notes

With vibrant fruit, moderate tannins and an easy-to-open screw top, this wine is designed to be your go-to, everyday wine. Rounded and approachable with reminders of berry compote, Cran-raisin, ripe plum and a hint of candied raspberry lead to a soft, cocoa-like finale.

The Artist Series label original art by co-owner Seyburn Zorthian

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