



BUTTONWOOD

WINERY & VINEYARD

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon

PROUDLY GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED ON OUR SANTA YNEZ VALLEY ESTATE

OVERVIEW

“King Cab” is our most age-worthy varietal wine, with great structure and tannins which continue to meld with time in the bottle. Enjoy with a juicy Steak, grilled vegetable brochettes and aged hard cheeses.

BLEND

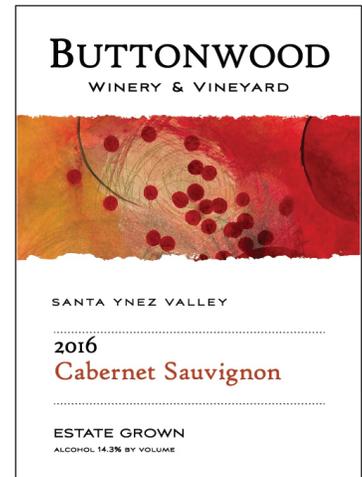
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

SPECS

14.3% Alcohol, 3.7 pH, 6.5 g/L acidity

PRODUCTION

217 cases bottled December 2018



IN THE VINEYARD

As with all the vines at Buttonwood, the Cabernet Sauvignon is on its own roots and cane pruned in its neat 5x10 foot rows. Some of the original 1983 plantings, the 4.48 acres of vines run north to south and produce lanky clusters with berries that are quite petite for Cabernet, giving us a high skin to juice ratio that results in deep color and great natural tannins.

THE VINTAGE

A warm spring and early summer led to sublime conditions in July and August for evening ripening. The cool nights and even daytime warmth continued into September and October, and even though drought conditions persisted, the crop was bountiful and balanced. Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested October 11-12 at 24.6° brix.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were removed from stems upon delivery to the winery and the berries inoculated with CSM yeast. Twice daily pumpovers with délestage occurred to soften the tannic structure of the wine. In November the new wine was raked to barriques, about 20% of which were a combination of new French and American oak. The wine was raked twice with aeration during its 24 months of cellar aging until cross-flow filtered and bottled in December 2018. Vegan.

TASTING NOTES

The beautiful claret-garnet color beckons, and a swirl brings aromas of blackcurrant, spice and hints of tapenade. Supple tannins and lively acidity are beautifully balanced with flavors of black cherry and dark plum along with hints of licorice, coffee and cocoa. Round and generous with great flavor intensity and a lingering spicy/garden herb finish.

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