

# HESTAN VINEYARDS

Napa Valley ✦ Gordon Valley district

## 2016 Hestan Cabernet Sauvignon



### Vineyards

The Hestan Vineyard has 110 planted acres of low yielding Bordeaux varieties and is located on the Napa Valley's remote Eastern Slopes. The property was a former cattle ranch and was purchased by Stanley and Helen Cheng in 1996. The soils are well drained and the microclimate in this area is warmer than the valley floor, with an average variation of 30 degrees each growing season. Both the vineyard and the gardens are sustainably farmed and 100% solar powered.

### Growing Season

The near-perfect 2016 growing season started early, saw ideal weather conditions throughout and was defined by good set during the Spring and warm even temperatures through the summer. The estate vineyard is a slightly warmer site than much of Napa Valley so our picking dates are generally in mid-September, a major benefit this year as we avoided the October rains which followed several weeks after the 2016 harvest.

### Vinification

The lots for Hestan Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon are kept separate throughout winemaking to retain individual block and varietal characters. Small capacity fermentation tanks, carefully timed pump-overs and punch-downs, a mix of native and cultured yeasts, the finest French cooperage and extended aging result in a wine noted for its deep flavor and velvety tannins.

### Tasting Notes

The wine displays a dark purple core with a violet halo. Aromas emerge in waves suggesting notes of macerated black current, cinnamon, star anise and mint. The palate shows a balance of dark brambly fruit, framed with some acidity. The wine is both dark and complex but still young. Decant for a few hours to allow it to open up before serving

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Vineyard:** Estate

**Ageing:** 20 months

**Winemaker:** Thomas Rivers Brown

**Blend:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Maturation:** 80% new French oak

**PH:** 3.85

**TA:** 6.4 g/L

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Production:** 520 cases

**Bottling date:** June 2, 2021