

LE VIGNE WINERY

VINEYARD SERIES 2016 MALBEC



VINTAGE

2016

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

97% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

APELLATION

Paso Robles

VINEYARD

100% Domenico Estate Vineyard

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of sweet vanilla, mixed berry pie and baking spices waft from the nose of this inviting wine. Flavors of candied blueberry, boysenberry and cherry intermingle with bold, chewy tannins. Chocolate-covered espresso bean transforms to savory pie crust as the finish lands on soft, toasted oak.

VINTAGE NOTES

- Parched vineyards were soothed by rainfall during the winter and early spring.
- Temperatures peaked by July and turned to far milder conditions over the growing season than the years prior, cooling off after the start of harvest
- A slight break in harvest occurred in mid-September before the majority of grapes were harvested in October, distinguished by a heartening return to typical yields.

FROM VINE TO BOTTLE

This Malbec is the expression of a single block in our Domenico Estate Vineyard. Flavors of blue fruit with floral notes accompany a firm but yielding structure of soft tannins with a hint of cocoa that exemplifies our terroir. It is outstanding alongside many cuisines, representing the gamut from medium-bodied and fruit-forward to impactful, bold and complex.

CASE PRODUCTION

244 cases bottled on July 12, 2018

HARVEST

October 11, 2016 at 24.4 avg. Brix

COOPERAGE

Aged 20 months in 40% new American oak with medium and medium plus toast

CHEMISTRY

ALCOHOL	13.3%	RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.46 g/L
PH	3.54	TITRABLE ACIDITY	6.2 g/L

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Gold – *Craft Competition, 2019*

89 Points – *Wine Enthusiast, June 2019*