

# LE VIGNE WINERY

## VINEYARD SERIES 2016 NIKIARA



### VINTAGE

2016

### APPELLATION

Paso Robles

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Cabernet Franc, 14% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 2% Petite Sirah

### VINEYARD

- 65% Acquarello Estate Vineyard
- 20% Ranchita Vista Estate Vineyard
- 15% Domenico Estate Vineyard

### TASTING NOTES

Blackberry jam, chocolate-dipped figs and terracotta are lifted to a European palate of balanced tannins and acidity. Dark fruits and cranberry reveal warm chocolate in a lasting finish.

### 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 blend showcases the influence of Paso Robles terroir on the renowned structure and flavor of its constituent Bordeaux varietals. Structural tannins are ample yet smooth, due to the diurnal climate shifts in our Acquarello Estate Vineyard where much of the grapes for this wine were grown. Peak temperatures during the sunny afternoons contribute to the baked, soften tannins of the robust Cabernet Sauvignon base.

### CASE PRODUCTION

629 cases bottled on August 15, 2018

### HARVEST

October 4–5, 2016 at 24.5 avg. Brix

### COOPERAGE

Aged 20 months in 22% new American oak with medium and medium plus toast

### CHEMISTRY

|         |       |                  |          |
|---------|-------|------------------|----------|
| ALCOHOL | 13.6% | RESIDUAL SUGAR   | 0.33 g/L |
| PH      | 3.52  | TITRABLE ACIDITY | 6.4 g/L  |

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

**92 Points** – *Wine Enthusiast*, June 2019

**91 Points** – *Vinous*, 2020

**Gold** – *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*, 2019