

# LE VIGNE WINERY

## APPELLATION SERIES 2016 MERLOT



### VINTAGE

2016

### APPELLATION

Paso Robles

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

93% Merlot and 7% Cabernet Sauvignon

### VINEYARD

- 98% Domenico Estate Vineyard
- 2% Acquarello Estate Vineyard

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### TASTING NOTES

This wine exhibits aromas of smokey cedar, red berries and toffee. The palate features bright red plum and dark cherry layered with spicy clove from the subtle influences of oak aging. Mild yet present tannins display a velvety body with balanced acidity for an elegant 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.

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### CASE PRODUCTION

56 cases bottled on August 29, 2018

### HARVEST

September 7, 2016 at 24.3 avg. Brix

### COOPERAGE

Aged 21 months in 100% neutral American oak

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### CHEMISTRY

ALCOHOL	14.2%	RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.38 g/L
PH	3.58	TITRABLE ACIDITY	6.7 g/L

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### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

**88 Points** – *Wine Enthusiast*, July 2019