



2016 ESTATE MT. GEORGE | COOMBSVILLE

MERLOT

WINEMAKING

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Merlot

HARVEST DATES

September 9 & 12, 2016

BRIX AT HARVEST

Average 25.4°

MACERATION

Average 17 days

BARREL AGING REGIMEN

Aged 17 months in oak, 44% new oak

New oak profile:

94% French, 6% Hungarian

Overall oak profile:

94% French oak, 6% Hungarian oak

PH: 3.54 pH | **TA:** 5.46 g/L | **RS:** 0.04%

ALCOHOL: 15.0% by volume

PRODUCTION: 2,532 cases

SRP: \$45

WINEMAKERS

Jon Emmerich, Elena Franceschi

HERITAGE

MT. GEORGE (100%) – Located east of Napa in Coombsville, Mt. George Vineyard is the site of one of the first grape plantings in the valley in the 19th century. It climbs the western slopes of an ancient volcano whose name the vineyard bears.

SOILS + CLIMATE

The cooler climate and deep, gravelly soils derived from volcanic rock and ash provide depth to this structured Merlot.

VINTAGE

The near-perfect 2016 growing season started early, saw ideal weather conditions throughout and wrapped up as the valley's first significant fall rainstorm arrived on October 14. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August and a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness.

TASTING NOTES

Aromatics of rhubarb pie and toasted paprika. Bright acidity and medium-bodied. A sweet and savory mix of tart cherries, red berries, clove and black pepper spices, with a long, streamlined finish.

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