



## Arietta Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

Our goal in producing Arietta Cabernet Sauvignon has always been to make a wine of balance and persistence, mindful of the styles and traditions of Great Growth Bordeaux. Coming on the heels of a prolonged multi-year drought, the 2016 growing season was defined by near-ideal conditions. In most vintages including 2016 we source Arietta's Cabernet Sauvignon entirely from our 1.7 acre block of Clone 337 Cabernet in the Meteor Vineyard, in the heart of the Coombsville appellation just east of the city of Napa. The lower than average Napa temperatures, moderately sloping southwest exposure, and well drained soils allow for a longer ripening season, and flavor intensity at lower sugars.

Arietta winemaker Andy Erickson describes 2016 Arietta Cabernet Sauvignon: *"The Arietta 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is a shining reflection of this stellar vintage. The wine shows a dark black-purple hue, a striking opacity, and an effusive, rich aromatic profile. Notes of wild berries, kirsch, and crème fraîche, as well as earthy tones of slate, gravel, and soil, rise from the glass as soon as the wine is poured. On the nose and palate, the wine exhibits true varietal character, including the full spectrum of Cabernet aromas and flavors: black fruits, baking spices, savory herbs, and pencil lead. The texture is precisely polished and rounded, but with serious tongue-grabbing flavor on the mid-palate, and a finish that lingers for more than a minute. With all its intensity and depth, the wine is incredibly well mannered and balanced, and will cellar for many years to come."*

**Blend:** 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot

**Fruit Sources:** 97% Coombsville, 3% Oakville

**Elevage:** Aged 22 months in French oak barrels, 76% new

**Production:** 109 cases