

LAUREL GLEN

Vineyard

2016 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
SONOMA MOUNTAIN



THE STORY

Laurel Glen Vineyard faces east, above the fog line. This optimal exposure captures the first rays of morning sunlight and avoids the burning heat of late afternoon. The thin, rocky soils promote efficient drainage and restrain vigor.

The vineyard earned CCOF Organic Certification in 2014, thanks to the efforts of Viticulturist Phil Coturri. In addition to developing a comprehensive schedule of cover crops, he has updated the vineyard's trellising system and pruning practices to achieve more even ripening and concentration in the grapes.

VINTAGE NOTES

After years of drought, we finally had enough rain in 2016 to recharge the soils. Due to unusually warm weather in February, bud break was in February instead of March, as is normal for us at Laurel Glen Vineyard. Bloom, berry set and veraison were all three weeks early as well. Bloom was followed by late spring rains which led to the vineyard setting a small crop for the second year in a row. Because the growing season started early, even though harvest also started a little earlier than normal, on September 20th, there was plenty of time for complex flavor and color development in 2016.

TASTING NOTES

"Aromas of boysenberry, strawberry, rhubarb, caramel, and sandalwood. Supple and finely textured, the wine has great freshness and depth, juicy acidity and tannins that are both firm and velvety." - Randall Watkins, Winemaker

APPELLATION:
Sonoma Mountain

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon,
100% Estate Grown

CASE PRODUCTION:
797 - 9L cases

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

PERCENT NEW OAK:
55% New,
100% Tonellerie Taransaud