

Varietal Cabernet Sauvignon. Syrah Malbec, Petit Verdot

Appellation Napa Valley

Oak 40% new French 10% new American

Aging 22 months

Alcohol 14.5%



- 2016 —

EL LLANO RED BLEND

A playful experiment after an abundant harvest in 2002 gave birth to this unique blend. The name pays homage to Rolando's grandparents, and to his birthplace of El Llano, Michoacán, Mexico.

STARTING IN THE

VINEYARD

The 2016 vintage was a cooler season without the normal high heat, which provided longer hang time for the grapes to develop, resulting in wines with aromatic intensity and nuance. The 2016's have dark flavor profiles but with softer curves and textural depth.

TO THE

CELLAR

A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Malbec, and a touch of Petit Verdot, the grapes are chosen from three of our estate vineyards located in Coombsville, Oak Knoll, and Mt Veeder. Twenty-two months of aging in 40% new French oak, and 10% new American oak, creates an approachable, balanced, and elegant wine.

IN YOUR

GLASS

Inky purple with a ruby rim, this full-bodied, rich and concentrated wine seduces with aromas of blackberry, cherry, molasses, vanilla. dried plums, caramel, espresso and pumpkin seed. The flavors seamlessly mirror the aromas with the addition of dried figs, cassis, bittersweet chocolate, and sweet oak followed by a well-balanced and persistant finish.

ON YOUR

TABLE

Pair with a hearty dish of St Louis-style ribs, marbled steak, or a barbecued pork chop. For an elevated dish, try braised lamb shoulder with fennel and orange. For a cheese course, try Manchego, a sheep's milk from the La Mancha region of Spain.