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2016 STUDY IN BLUE RED WINE, NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

The 2016 vintage was near-perfect in Napa Valley. The growing season had an early start and ideal weather throughout. Harvest was ideally paced, with vineyards ripening in a cycle that allowed successive picking at targeted ripeness. The resulting wines are showing great balance and intensity of flavor.

Vineyards

Well-established hillside vineyards are the foundation of this wine, giving the finished blend its intense inner core of fruit. The Truchard Vineyard was the primary source for grapes used in this blend, with vineyard sites extending into the lower hillsides of the Mayacamas mountain range.

Vinification

The grapes were hand picked at optimum ripeness. Following destemming, the grapes were stainless steel-fermented and received extended skin contact before being transferred to barrels. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 28 months (35% new barrels) where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Layered aromas of black currants, cocoa, baking spices and cedar. Full-bodied red with plush tannins and ripe black berries that linger on the finish.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	67% Cabernet Sauvignon 19% Merlot 10% Syrah 4% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	15%
TA	0.61 g/100ml
pH	3.79
Oak Aging	28 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, 35% new
Bottling Date	July 15, 2019
Production	500 cases