

VARIETAL COLLECTION

*Tannat*

2016

Vintage:	Ninth
Composition:	82% Tannat, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Syrah
Clones:	Tannat-474; Cabernet Sauvignon-15, 169, 337, 341; Syrah-2, 525
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Block:	8, 17, 18, Kreuzer
Yield:	2.5 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	23 Years
Grape Varieties:	Tannat, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah
Rootstock:	3309, S04, 5C, 101-14
Harvest Date:	October 6 and 21, 2016

**Vintage Summary:** The 2016 growing season started with a normal winter, and normal bud break in March. Subsequent warm but unsettled weather brought good uniformity and set. Hot spikes in July prompted a speedy but even veraison in reds, and early sugar accumulation in whites. Cool, ideal ripening weather prevailed from August through the start of September. A heat wave at the end of September and three rain storms in the early part of October made for disparate ripening circumstances, resulting in diverse choices on pick timing. Ultimately, 2016 will be characterized as a high-sugar, high-tannin year. Brix was high relative to physiological maturity in both red and white varieties. Additionally, red grape skin tannins were firmer, and the resulting juice yielded more structural tannins than usual. Normal berry sizes and larger-than-normal clusters resulted in normal-to-above-normal vineyard yields.

Fermentation:	Stainless and New French Oak 59-Gal Barrels
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	French Oak (Allier, Tronçais, Vosges)
Aging:	18 Months
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Filtered
Alcohol:	15.3%
Bottling Date:	June 28, 2018

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes:** A bright nose of raspberry, plum, strawberry, violets, molasses, cardamom and hints of oregano. A Bing cherry attack leads to juicy mouth of red currant, raspberry, blueberry, white pepper, and fresh tea leaf. Soft but textured tannins melt into a lingering cranberry finish.

Cellaring:	2–8 Years
Production:	46 Cases
Price:	\$95/750ml

