

2016

MERLOT

HOSSFELD VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY



HARVEST DATES: 9/12, 9/27, 10/3
GRAPE SOURCE: Hossfeld and
Holbrook Mitchell
Vineyards
BLEND: 96% Merlot, 3%
Cabernet Sauvignon,
1% Cabernet Franc
HARVEST BRIX: 26.3°, 27.0°, 25.8°
MACERATION: 15 day native yeast
fermentation
AGING: 22 months in French
oak (66% new)
PH: 3.55
TA: 6.04 G/L
ALCOHOL: 15.0%
PRODUCTION: 183 cases 12-pack
750ml

TASTING NOTES:

The 2016 Hossfeld Merlot is garnet colored with uplifting aromas of blackberry pie, cassis, sage, dark chocolate, and cracked black pepper. Smooth on the entry and with a very broad mouth-feel, this wine boasts flavors of Boysenberries, Bing cherries, cassis, and beets. A sturdy structure of tannins balanced with acid and sweet oak round out the long finish of this remarkable wine.

VINEYARD:

Hossfeld vineyard is located in the eastern hills of Napa Valley, 1500 feet above the valley floor where steep terraces have been chiseled into the bedrock of Soda Canyon. Each hole had to be dynamited in order to plant and the vines produce low yield, high quality grapes from these stressed growing conditions. The heat from Soda Canyon radiates up the hillside and keeps the rocks warm into the early evening. The vineyard receives lots of morning sun and the afternoon breezes and southern exposure create remarkable grapes with intense color and beautiful red fruit flavors.



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