

Esoterica Cabernet Sauvignon

2016 North Coast

Lab stats:

Alcohol 13.73%

pH 3.68

T.A. 5.8g/liter

Residual Sugar: Dry

Free SO₂ at bottling - 28 ppm

Total SO₂ - 106 ppm

Appellation:

79% Sonoma

11% Lake

10% Napa

Blend:

92% Cabernet Sauvignon

8% Merlot

Production:

560 cases (12x750ml)

Cabernet Sauvignon is the king of California's North Coast. Nowhere (except the French would say—perhaps in Bordeaux) does it grow so well and taste so good. Nowhere does the result make a winemaker more proud. Cabernet is an almost “perfect grape” when well grown...balanced between fruit, astringency, power, perfume and, of course...redness. I love Cab and always have.

This is our third release of Esoterica Cabernet Sauvignon. I made this tiny lot using a wonderful blend of North Coast grapes from several different vineyards, mostly in Sonoma County's Alexander Valley and Dry Creek appellations. It is always a pleasure to make small blends like this as they allow for “fine tuning” to get the fruit, tannins, mouthfeel and balance just right perfect without the constraints of big commercial blends.

I hope you enjoy drinking this wine as much as I have enjoyed making it.