

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon - 1.5L

In the late 1960s we bottled a few cases of Cabernet Sauvignon for friends and family. Those first few cases of homemade wine inspired the vision for our estate winery, Alexander Valley Vineyards and our flagship wine Cabernet Sauvignon.

Overall, 2016 was a more normal growing season than the last few years. While the drought was still persistent, we received much needed rain over the winter and early spring. The good weather continued through the summer with no damaging heat spikes. Yields were slightly reduced, but the quality and flavor of the grapes were stellar. After harvest the different lots were de-stemmed, fermented separately, then aged in 25% new American and French oak barrels for 14 months.

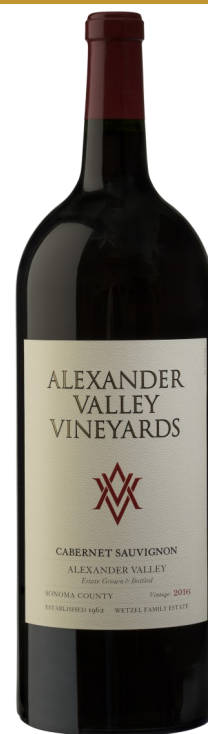
The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is a classic Alexander Valley wine with medium body, great fruit flavors and smooth, structured tannins. Winemaker Kevin Hall added 13% Merlot for structure, a touch of Cabernet Franc for floral notes and Malbec and Petit Verdot for color.

There are aromas of black cherry, cassis, plum, slight blueberry, vanilla, oak and chocolate. In the glass there are rich flavors of cherry, cassis, blackberry and chocolate. This is a fruit forward wine with lush flavors, nice balance and a long, silky finish.

Food Pairing: Grilled or pan seared beef, lamb or tuna is a classic. For an unexpected pairing serve with a caramelized onion and blue cheese tart as an appetizer.

Accolades: **95 points & Double Gold Medal** - *San Francisco International Wine Competition*
94 points & Gold Medal - *Berlin International Wine Competition*
93 points, Gold Medal, Best in Show by Country USA, Best in Show by Varietal - *London Wine Competition*
92 points & Gold Medal - *Winemakers Challenge*
Most Popular Cabernet Sauvignon - *Wine & Spirits Annual 29th Restaurant Poll April 2018*
(11th consecutive year that AVV Cabernet Sauvignon has made the list)

Profile: • Loads of dark spicy fruit
• Polished, yet structured



About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

Harry and Maggie Wetzel purchased the 600 acres that is home to AVV in 1962 from the heirs of valley namesake Cyrus Alexander. The Wetzel Family Estate stretches from the banks of the Russian River to the Mayacamas Mountains and today the 4th generation of the family calls it home. From the beginning the family has celebrated the unique place they call home by producing wines showcasing the terroir of the Alexander Valley. We are proud to be celebrating our 40th anniversary at the winery in 2015.

Technical Data:

Grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon 80%, Merlot 13%, Malbec 3%, Cabernet Franc 2%, Petit Verdot 2%

Harvest: September 6 - October 13, 2016

Closure: cork **Bottles per case:** 6

Alcohol: 14.0% **pH:** 3.66 **TA:** 6.2 g/L

First Vintage: 1975 **SRP:** \$70

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