



## QUINTESSA 2016: A Profound Vintage

**Vintage Notes:** 2016 was a near-perfect growing season, with bud break starting moderately early and ideal weather conditions in the spring continuing throughout the summer and fall. Cooler temperatures in August provided an extended hang time, allowing the fruit to reach peak ripeness and beautiful vineyard expression. Harvest began before dawn on September 15th and continued through October 13th—just before the winter rains began to nourish and replenish our soil.

**About the Wine:** The 2016 Quintessa is a generous wine, with complex and elegant layers that envelop you from the first sip. Welcoming with aromas of cassis, blackberry, red currant and undertones of sage and rose petals, the 2016 Quintessa continues to expand in the glass as notes of exotic citrus, clove and fresh tobacco mingle with bright fruit. Full and rich, the wine is held together with fine-grained tannins that interweave beautifully with flavors of dark chocolate, crushed rocks, black cherry and blueberries. The wine is distinct for its energy and depth of flavor, and will leave a lasting impression with its velvety texture and intoxicating perfume.

— Rebekah Wineburg, *Winemaker*

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**Appellation:** Rutherford, Napa Valley

**Harvest Dates:** September 15 - October 13, 2016

**Varietals:** Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Carménère, Petit Verdot

**Maceration:** 22 days average skin contact

**Time in Barrel:** 20 months

**Oak:** 100% French, 75% new

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Bottling Date:** July 30 - August 3, 2018

**Release Date:** September 2019

**Vineyard Blocks:** (in descending order)

Dragon's Terrace, Cruz del Sur, Mt. Calisse, Bench, Las Casas, Corona, Riviera, Monte Cruz, Limelight, Howard's Million, Pedraza, Silver South, Alcantara, Tesoro, Canyon, Corral

97+ points

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