

Baldacci

FAMILY ESTATE VINEYARDS
NAPA VALLEY

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VINEYARD NOTES

The Fraternity Red Wine Blend is a combination of fruit sourced from our three estate vineyards in addition to some contracted Cabernet Sauvignon from Oakville and Coombsville. The blend is a balance of all the supporting varietals with the goal to utilize a cross section of climate and soil types to create a Napa Valley expression.

2016 was tracking as an earlier than normal harvest but August brought with it unusually cool weather that pushed harvest back and extended hang time. That, in turn, gave us more options to pick with yields much more generous than the prior vintage. This vintage allowed us to create multiple lots from the same blocks and we are pleased with the balance and structure from this harvest.

WINEMAKING NOTES

All of our fruit passes through a small de-stemmer and is never crushed. We then bleed a percentage of the juice to allow for an increased ratio of skin to juice which adds structure, mouthfeel and color to the final wine. Our pump over fermentations are less aggressive to allow for a more gentle and supple final wine. Once fermentation is complete the wine is racked clean into oak barrels where it passes through a native inoculation of malolactic fermentation and then ages for 17 - 19 months prior to bottling.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Top to bottom, this wine spans the full spectrum of flavors, as well as vineyard locations in the Napa Valley.

Starting in the south our Merlot and Syrah grown on our Honey B Vineyard bring a great red fruit component with a touch of cured meat, the Cabernet Franc grown in Stags Leap gives it a hint of spice, while the Cabernet Sauvignon from Coombsville, Oakville, Stags Leap and Calistoga brings an edge to this wine.

Enjoy now if the time is right for a powerful blend that will over deliver or lay it down and be ready for an amazing treat when you do decide it is time to drink.

Napa Valley 2016 Fraternity RED WINE BLEND

Varietal Blend	60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Syrah, 15% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	35% Carneros, 20% Calistoga, 19% Oakville, 9% Stags Leap District
Clonal Selection	8, 337, 2(CS), 181(ME)
Alcohol	14.5%
T.A.	6.0 g/L
pH	3.7
Residual Sugar	.8 g/L
Brix at Harvest	26.0
Oak Regime	21 months
Cooperage	40% New French Oak, 10% New American Oak
Bottling Date	March 29, 2018
Production	1,465 cases (12 x 750ml)
Winery Retail Price	\$40
Accolades	N/A

