

2016

Cabernet Sauvignon

TZABACO RANCHO VINEYARDS

SONOMA COUNTY



95 POINTS • GOLD MEDAL

2020 Women's International Wine Competition

92 POINTS • GOLD MEDAL

2020 North Coast Wine Challenge Wine Competition

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our winemaking protocol demands separate small carefully temperature regulated fermentations for each varietal providing optimum treatment for each of our four Cabernet clones. These wines are carefully pressed direct to barrel and are aged separately until rigorous blending trials the Spring before Summer bottling. Each individual barrel is tasted for uniqueness and provides an essential blend diversity that typifies our wines as well as an exceptional 22 month ageing period.

COMPOSITION	95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot
VINEYARD	Tzabaco Rancho Vineyards in Dry Creek Valley since 1856!
APPELLATION	Sonoma County
BARREL AGEING	22 months in 100% French oak (40% New French oak)
ALCOHOL	14.5%
TA	6.0 g/L
PH	3.83
PRODUCTION	100 cases

WINERY TASTING NOTES

Subtle aromas of luscious blackberry merge with gentle oak notes laced with hints of mocha. The bright entry offers expressive flavors of black raspberry, cherry, and plum infused with traces of spicy cedar, creamy coffee, and dark chocolate. As the fruit marries with mid-palate tannins, the wine reveals its depth and complexity, lingering into a finish woven with rich Dutch cocoa.

KEN'S WINE GUIDE TASTING NOTES

"This midnight purple colored Cabernet Sauvignon from Estate 1856 opens with a mild black olive and black cherry bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced and super smooth. The flavor profile is a tasty black currant and graphite blend with notes of gentle oak and blackberry. The finish is rather dry and its tannins build up and linger for an extended time frame. I would pair this impressive Cab with a well-marbled ribeye steak. Enjoy – Ken" Ken's Wine Rating: Very Good+ (93) Review Date: January 30, 2020