

50 Harvests

2016
MERITAGE
NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

Our grandfather brought his family to California just in time for the 1963 harvest. Half a century later, we released 50 Harvests to commemorate this milestone and launch our next 50 years as a family owned and operated wine company.

This release from the 6th vintage of 50 Harvests is a multi-layered combination of 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc and 17% Merlot, primarily from revered vineyards in the eastern hills and St. Helena areas of Napa Valley. The fruit from these low yield vineyards was harvested by hand over a multiple day period to insure the proper balance and maturity.

Selected one ton lots were chosen for punch cap fermentation, and then all of the individual lots were aged separately for 28 months in French oak (25% new) prior to blending and bottling. Spice, minerals and red fruit aromatics precede a well balanced, structured and expansive wine with a panorama of red fruit and black currants, a note of pomegranate and a long finish.

Winemakers Paul Scotto, Mitch Cosentino and Mark Smith produced 148 cases. Enjoy now or bottle age through 2030.

Alc: 14.8% pH 3.55 TA 0.66 RS 0.05 (very dry)

