



BLACK STALLION®

ESTATE WINERY

Located on the historic Silverado Trail in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, Black Stallion Estate Winery pays homage to the rich history of the 32-acre estate which was once home to the Silverado Equestrian Center. The property was purchased in 2010 by the Indelicato family, a fourth generation family-owned company founded in 1924. Sourcing from the most prestigious vineyards, the winery is committed to making only the most expressive wines.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Syrah grown in the Oak Knoll District and Coombsville areas of Napa Valley tend to have more herbaceous aromas, ripe blackberry flavor and elegant tannin structure. Syrah grown in Atlas Peak tends to have great concentration, color and powerful tannin. The blend of these three areas exhibits beautiful complexity in the aromas and flavors with harmonious structure and balance.

The 2016 vintage began with very little rain, bud break occurred between the end of February and early March. With warm and dry spring and early summer, the vines develop healthy canopies and fruit set was balanced. The growing season was lengthened due to cool summer. September had a few heat spikes to push fruit to optimal sugar levels. The 2016 vintage was very balanced and ideal for producing wines with excellent flavor and resolved tannins.

—*Winemaker Ralf Holdenried*

TASTING NOTES

Engaging aromas of blueberry, chocolate cherry cordial and cedar complement the flavors of black cherry, cream soda and chocolate mousse. Our Syrah is fruit-focused and concentrated with a rich and velvety finish.

PAIRING

Try barbequed pork spare ribs, lamb shanks or grilled sausage. The black fruit flavors of the wine work well with cheeses made of sheep's milk such as Roncal or Abbaye de Belloc.

VINTAGE: 2016 • APPELLATION: *Napa Valley*

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: *Syrah*

AGING: *55% new French oak / 15 months*

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION: 100% • PH: 3.73g • TOTAL ACID: *0.54g/100ml*

ALCOHOL BY VOL: *15%*

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