

# Winemaker Tasting Notes

## 2016 MALK FAMILY VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON STAGS LEAP DISTRICT OF NAPA VALLEY



The 2016 Malk Cabernet is one of elegance and sophistication. Continuing the series of early spring weather, and warm vintages in general, the 2016 was a little different as we finally experienced some welcome winter rains that flushed the soils and replenished the aquifers. The yields were right about historical averages, and this was reflected in the balance of the fruit and offered a classic example of the Stag's Leap District. Aromatically, we experience the forward, dark fruit of blackberry, ripe current, cedar spice, and chocolate. The mouthfeel is perfectly balanced from entry to finish, exhibiting the true elegance of the wine. The tannins are soft and supple and provide a beautiful framework for the entire wine. This wine is in excellent condition and is very approachable in its youth, but it will confidently age in the cellar.

### PRODUCTION NOTES:

- Winemaker: Robbie Meyer
- Production: 270 cases
- Griffin Vineyard
- Stags Leap District of Napa Valley
- 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Harvested in October 2016
- Hand sorted
- 21 day maceration
- Native yeast and natural malolactic
- 22 months in French oak; 70% new
- Bottled in May 2018
- Released: February 2020



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