

# MARK HEROLD WINES



## 2016 HEROLD “STAGECOACH” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ATLAS PEAK, NAPA VALLEY

### TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Stagecoach Cabernet erupts from the glass with an interwoven array of blackberries, wild black raspberries, cassis, roasted tree nuts and sun baked rock. Savory notes of chaparral at day break, dark chocolate, soy, fennel pollen and dried citrus rind bring incredible dimension to the plushness of this wine.

The palate is seamless and explodes with sweet and savory flavors. Black and purple fruits framed by velvety tannins layer the palate and linger long past last sip. Enjoy this mountain Cabernet now and over the next twenty years.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2016 was an unquestionably near perfect vintage; with an early start and a season filled with long, warm days. The grapes developed beautifully achieving optimal ripeness at harvest. The resulting wines exhibit expressive, balanced and complex fruit flavors, supported by elegant tannins.

On the fringe of Atlas Peak, bordering the Oakville AVA our block in Stagecoach Vineyard was planted in 2008 to Mark's exact specifications. The sparse soils are the deepest of red and are riddled with volcanic basalt and rocks of all sizes. The block is steeply situated and surrounded by chaparral. Mark selected his favorite ENTAVE clone 169 which produces small berried clusters full of concentrated flavors with a strong sense of terroir.

### APPELLATION

ATLAS PEAK, NAPA VALLEY

### VINEYARD

STAGECOACH VINEYARD

### VARIETAL

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### AGING

20 MONTHS, 85% NEW FRENCH OAK

### ALCOHOL

15.8%

### PRODUCTION

150 CASES

### RELEASE DATE

SEPTEMBER 2019

### SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$135

“The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Stagecoach Vineyard is another hedonistic pleasure bomb from Mark Herold. Crème de cassis, graphite, savory herbs, blueberry jam and chocolate race out of the glass. Ample and voluptuous, with huge curves and tons of sassiness, the Stagecoach Cabernet demands attention. The tannins, almost always prominent in wines from this site, are nearly buried by the sheer richness of the fruit.” **95 PTS** –*Antonio Galloni, December 2018*

