

2016

TASTING NOTES

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The 2016 VINTAGE was one of *relief*. The early months of the *growing* SEASON brought the welcome *reprieve* of STEADY RAINFALL after four years of DROUGHT. February continued its *NEW TRADITION* of *warm & dry* weather, encouraging BUDBREAK to begin a *couple weeks earlier* than normal. This *early advancement* slowed down to a RELAXED PACE as rain returned and DRENCHED THE SOILS before bloom.

After the SLIGHT YIELDS of the previous year, we *rejoiced to find* that the vines set A NORMAL CROP. A long and *SUN-SATURATED SUMMER* metered out *leisurely days* with AMPLE TIME to consider each MEANINGFUL DECISION in the vineyard. The *last week of August* brought a WARM finish to the growing season, with *harvest beginning* a MONTH LATER and stretching into the SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER.

The 2016 OVID NAPA VALLEY reflects the *pleasure & opulence* of the long and NEARLY PERFECT GROWING SEASON that created it. This wine's *DENSE & powerful* palate is complemented by FRESHNESS and VIBRANCY that give it *TREMENDOUS POISE*. Expansive aromas of mulberry, FRESH CRUSHED RASPBERRY, licorice, FOREST FLOOR and pen ink are just beginning to *tell the tale* of a SPECTACULAR season.



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