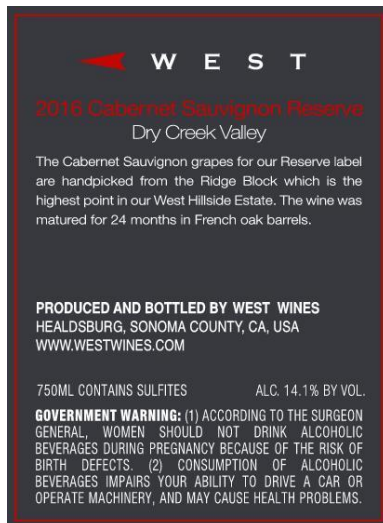


2016 WEST Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve



- 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Estate grown, West Crest vineyard
- Manually harvested October, 2016
- Aged 24 months in French oak barrels
- Released March 2023
- Alc. 14.1%
- Dry Creek Valley AVA

WEST Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2016 is an elegant and complex wine with dark cherry aromas and hints of cloves and other spices. The flavors on the palate start with black cherry, ripe plum and continue with laurel, cloves, mocha, nutty spices and a hint of licorice. The 2016 season started early, some spring rains and a summer with moderate heat made for slower maturation and the tannins were excellent. We harvested by manual picking as usual in October and after open top fermentation it was aged in French oak barrels for 24 months. After bottling it was further aged for 4 years before release in March 2023. Enjoy now or let it continue to evolve more complex flavors over the years.

The Cabernet Sauvignon grows on our hillside property in the north end of the valley on west and south facing slopes. High above the valley floor with its morning fog the grapes get long warm and sunny days to mature with full and complex flavors.

West Wines is a family winery in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County owned by Katarina Bonde and Bengt Akerlind. Our winemaking style is inspired by French winemaking where long aging is part of the method and we have been exporting wine to Europe since 2004. We practice sustainable farming, minimizing the use of energy and water and using solar power. Between our vine rows we grow cover crops to create nutrition for the plants but also flowers who serve as a habitat for beneficial insects for pest control.

Our winemaker is owner Katarina Bonde with consulting winemaker Phyllis Zouzounis. Katarina got her Winemakers Certificate at UC Davis and has hands on experience from crafting the portfolio of wines at West Wines. Phyllis began her winemaking career at Dry Creek Vineyards in 1980 and has been the winemaker at many prestigious wineries in Sonoma County.