

2016 | HUNDRED ACRE ARK VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This is an amazingly deep, rich, blueberry, blackberry and mulberry scented and flavored wine with skyscraper-like texture, remarkable intensity, great purity, and the new oak is completely concealed by the lavish and extravagant amounts of fruit.

The 2016 stands out for its combination of power, purity, sweetness of fruit and tannin, lavish concentration and impeccable harmony.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2016 vintage was the beginning of the end of the drought in Napa Valley. The vines were finally given a break with close-to-normal amount of rain in the winter preceding the vintage. Overall, 2016 was cooler than 2014 & 2015, it was warm and dry, but without the massive spikes in temperature that challenged the previous two years. 2016 was the kind of year where even a blind squirrel can find a nut, so most wineries could coast along and make good wine. We don't coast, so 2016 was an epic vintage for us, one for the ages.

VINEYARD NOTES

The single estate vineyard ARK is located just outside St. Helena, California at the base of Howell Mountain. It was originally planted in the 1880s, but was sadly lost to Prohibition. It took us five years to rebuild; she is our pride and joy.

The ARK is comprised of nine different blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon, planted meter by meter in nine different volcanic soil strata. The vineyard stretches through a sixty-million-year time sequence: three ancient beach fronts, a prehistoric weapons quarry, and spans a 180-degree arc of the sun over its half-mile length.

Hot afternoon sun known to damage aromatics in the fruit (on the hottest days), is blocked by the shade of Glass Mountain (named for the rare obsidian rock found in the soil and for ancient weapons such as arrowheads) which rises to the western side of the ARK vineyard.

COOPERAGE

Hundred Acre wines are aged for a minimum of 30 months in the finest, center cut French oak barrique. The stave wood is hand-selected for ultra-tight grain, then air dried for three years before being made into barrels.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

BY JAYSON WOODBRIDGE, PROPRIETOR AND WINEMAKER

100
POINTS

2005
2007
2012
2013
2015

five perfect scores
from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate
have been awarded to Hundred Acre
Ark Vineyard wines

HUNDRED
ACRE

THIS IS THE STORY OF A
MAN WHO WAS NEVER AT A
LOSS. HE HAD TRAVELLED
DOWN IN THE WORLD AFTER
THE BATTLE OF TROY, THE
VIRGIN FORTRESS. HE SAW
MANY CITIES OF MEN AND
LIVED THEIR MINDS. HE
ENCOUNTERED MANY TROUBLES
AND HARDSHIPS. IN THE
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