



## 2016 EISELE VINEYARD 'ALTAGRACIA' CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### WINEGROWING INFORMATION

A mild and fairly dry winter very similar to 2015 led to early bud break. Heavy rains in March, however, allowed development of a generous canopy. While the bloom was delayed 8 to 10 days, dry and hot weeks ensured a good fruit set. Mild July weather was also auspicious; it led to fast and homogeneous veraison across the ranch. Continuing amiable weather allowed a gentle ripening of the Cabernet Sauvignon with warm days and cool nights. This very favorable alignment enhanced the nuances within our plots bringing complexity and intensity to the final blend. The fruit was picked between September 19<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup> in ideal conditions, allowing us to capture optimal fruit expression in each plot.

The Eisele Vineyard grapes are certified 'Organic' by CCOF and 'Biodynamic' by Demeter.

### TASTING NOTES

Our winemaking team notes: "The 2016 vintage is emblematic of the eastern side of Eisele Vineyard. The nose opens on roses petals, santal and dark cherry, followed with blackberry typical of the volcanic hillsides and a hint of liquorice and tobacco. The mouthfeel is generous and ample, the tannins are sweet and racy, the finish voluptuous, elegant and refined, accentuated by dark and earthy aromas. There is something noble revealed by this wine; we find it an enduring example of harmonious intentions – between vines and soil, between farmer and season, a rare alliance delivering the spirit of Eisele Vineyard to the 2016 vintage.

### GRAPE SOURCE

81% Cabernet Sauvignon

12% Cabernet Franc

7% Petit Verdot

Napa Valley

2,660 cases made

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