



NAPA 2016 VINTAGE:

FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF FANTASTIC WINES

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VINTAGE	NAME	TASTING NOTES	SCORE
2017	Lillie	Green melon and pears and hints of honeysuckle. Full-bodied and layered with plenty of fruit and a light phenolic texture at the end. Shows cool oiliness. Drink now.	91
2016	Cabernet Sauvignon	Dense and fruity with lovely, layered tannins and lots of blueberries, blackberries and hints of dried flowers. Full body, dusty, gritty tannins and a flavorful finish. Chewy, yet will come around with two or three years of bottle age. Drink after 2022.	94
2016	Firebelle	Attractive aromas and flavors of black olives and plums. Medium body, firm and silky tannins and a juicy finish. Nice, linear tannins. Turns chewy and muscular. Precise and focused. Give it some time. Drink in 2022.	96
2016	LMV Salon	This red is mostly cabernet franc and shows all the fresh-herb, dark-berry, plum and tobacco character you would expect. Hazelnuts, too. Fresh mushrooms. Full-bodied yet reserved and focused. Long and flavorful. Beautiful and lightly chewy now, but will be even better in 2022.	97
2016	Dr. Olmo	Impressive aromas of dried flowers, crushed blackberries and plums. Some sweet-tobacco undertones. Full-bodied, dusty and juicy with chewy tannins that are supple and savory, combining with the fruit. Flavorful and intense. So structured. Drink after 2023.	97
2016	Solari	This is a big and juicy red with dark berries, tobacco and hazelnuts. Iron too. Full body and layered, chewy tannins. Balsamic lilt to the red fruit on the palate. Ripe and beautiful. Brick and terracota character to the ripe fruit. Tar too. Needs time to soften. Try after 2023.	97
2016	The Lark	So much tile and brick character, highlighting the cherries and currants. Dark chocolate too. Hints of fresh herbs. Full body, soft, chewy tannins and such beautiful currant, coffee and chocolate flavors. Very long. 2020 release. Try after in 2023.	98