

2016 CABERNET FRANC BEAR CANYON VINEYARD, MAYACAMAS ESTATE NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: Bear Canyon Vineyard, Mayacamas Estate

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

MATURATION: 18 months in 50% new French oak, 50% neutral French oak

CASE PRODUCTION: 47

FOOD AFFINITIES: LMR grass-fed Highland beef, braised lamb shanks,

or roasted game

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

"Teetering on the mountain edge of our Bear Canyon vineyard, this small Cabernet Franc block consistenly produces stunning wines. This vintage opens with aromas of raspberry and black currants followed by hints of bay leaf and chocolate mint. The very gentle small lot fermentation produces silky round tannins that give balanced weight to the mid palate acidty, cherry and cocoa linger on the finish."

- Justin Carr

GROWING SEASON:

An early bud break, wet spring soils, and a long growing season produced a vintage with excellent quality. A wet spring started fast and rapid growth was met with average summer temperatures, which slowed development and reduced yields. The result was a moderate crop of well-concentrated fruit that ripened fully and slowly before an early harvest.

LONG MEADOW RANCH:

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated, organic farming system, using simple, sustainable methods. Each part of the Ranch contributes to the health of the whole. Vineyards and wine making, olive orchards and olive oil making, cattle and horse breeding all work together in complementary fashion, as do the egg-laying poultry flock and the organic vegetable gardens. All crops are certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.

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