



2016 PUZZLE



VINEYARD

A hallmark of our winery for nearly 20 years, Puzzle is an estate red blend featuring classic Bordeaux varieties sourced from our Spring Mountain vineyard. We experiment with different varieties, styles and techniques every year to ensure each vintage of Puzzle boasts a unique personality and exceptional drinkability.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

2016 is a great vintage, driven by elegance and concentration. The growing season started early, as moderate conditions in July and August prompted the fruits' steady development. By the end of August—thanks to several warm days—the grapes achieved the perfect aromatic and phenolic ripeness. Devoid of excess sugar, the fruit produced wine that was concentrated and deep, while also bright and fresh.

VINIFICATION

The 2016 Puzzle is a blend of Bordeaux varieties sourced exclusively from 18 individual parcels at our Spring Mountain vineyard. Once harvested, the bunches were hand sorted and destemmed. The fruit was then placed in an optical sorter, so we could inspect and assess each individual berry. The must was fermented in separate lots, and barrel aged for 12 months. After blending, the wine was returned to barrel for another 6 months of aging.

TASTING NOTES

Spice-forward with Herbs de Provence, tobacco, cacao, plum and fig aromas commingling. On the palate, the 2016 Puzzle's firm, round tannins are pleasantly complemented by a distinct umami characteristic.

SERVING AND CELLARING

Enjoy at 60-65°F from 2019 to 2035.

HARVEST DATES

September 21 - October 4, 2016

COMPOSITION

68.59% Cabernet Sauvignon
16.04% Cabernet Franc
9.04% Merlot
5.98% Malbec
0.35% Petit Verdot

PH 3.77 **TA** 5.6 g/L **ALC** 14.5%

