

# ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS



Limited production wines that focus on some of the *best and unique* lots of wine harvested each year. Winemaker Kevin Hall creates wines showcasing unique varietals, techniques or vineyard sites. Each hand crafted wine is small production, uniquely different and one of a kind.  
*750ml 6 bottle case Allocated*

## The 2016 Series: Cabernet Sauvignon

Hank Wetzel produced AVV's first wines in 1975 and the wine world quickly took notice of the elegant Cabernet Sauvignons from Alexander Valley. Thirty years later in 2004 he decided to focus on the flavor profile that made the valley famous, releasing a single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon known as Alexander School Reserve. We continue that tradition with this newest release, a testament to AVV Winemaker Kevin Hall's skill and the Alexander Valley's unique ability to grow amazing Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

We harvested the fruit for this vintage from a single block on the western side of the Russian River. The small hillside vineyard with gravelly loam soil is planted to Clone 337. The vines produce small berries with intense color, rich flavors and incredible concentration. At harvest this lot impressed Winemaker Kevin Hall with great color and big flavors.

Overall, 2016 was a more normal growing season than the last few years, we received much needed rain over the winter and early spring. The good weather continued through the summer. Yields were slightly reduced, but the quality of the grapes was stellar. After harvest this lot was de-stemmed, fermented, then aged in new French oak barrels for 28 months.

Aromas of cassis, black cherry, oak, and a touch of chocolate fill the glass. This is a rich wine with flavors of blackberry, black cherry, boysenberry, dark plum and chocolate. It is silky, yet concentrated with loads of structure and a long finish.

**Food Pairing:** Beef, lamb and duck are always a perfect pairing.

**Accolades:** 2016: 95 points & Double Gold Medal - *Press Democrat Wine Challenge*  
2016: 90 points - *Wine & Spirits*  
2016: 90 points - *Decanter World Wine Awards 2020*  
2016: Triple Gold Medal & Best of Class - *Dan Berger's Wine Competition*



**Profile:**

- Rich concentrated with silky tannins
- Blackberry, black cherry and a chocolate note

### About Alexander Valley Vineyards:

Harry and Maggie Wetzel purchased 600 acres of Cyrus Alexander's 1840's homestead in 1962. They started planting grapes in 1963 and from the beginning they realized that the property that stretched from the banks of the Russian River to the hillsides of the Mayacamas Mountains was a very special place. The Wetzel Family Estate has a rich diversity of soil types, elevations, exposures and microclimates giving AVV winemaker Kevin Hall grapes that showcase the terroir and the special place that we call home, Alexander Valley.

### Technical Data:

**Grapes:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
**Harvest Dates:** September 16, 2016  
**Barrel regimen:** 28 months aging in French Oak barrels medium plus toast with toasted heads, 100% new  
**Alcohol:** 14.4% **pH:** 3.61 **TA:** 6.1 g/L  
**Cases:** 1050 - 6 bottle cases **Closure:** Cork  
**UPC:** 0-85798 10006-4 **SRP:** \$50



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