

WANDERING STAR 2016

Winery: Stormy Weather Wine
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GROWING SEASON

2016 growing season started early, saw ideal weather conditions throughout and wrapped up as the valley's first significant fall rainstorm arrived on October 14. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August and then a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness.

VINIFICATION

Fermented in small format stainless steel tanks. Cold soaked 5 days prior to fermentation. Temperature maintained below 80 degrees with a post ferment extended maceration of an additional 5 days. Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel with aging on lees for at least 1 year.

Cooperage: 80% New French Oak, 20% Neutral French Oak

Barrel Aging: 30 months

Bottle Aging: 4 months prior to anticipated release in 2019

Production: 194 cases

TASTING NOTES

Winemakers notes:

A deep ruby color with aromas of blackberries and blueberries and hints of fresh cut summer flowers. Flavors of red currants and spice with hints of toasted oak and grilled red meat. Bright ripe blackberries, graphite and spice through the mid-pallet with a long finish of crème brûlée. Very drinkable now but will age beautifully for through 2030 and beyond.

Wine Advocate: Produced from 100% Cabernet Franc, coming from Oakville, the 2016 Cabernet Franc Wandering Star spent 30 months in French oak barrels, 80% new. Deep garnet-purple in color, it gives up a pretty floral perfume of red roses and lavender over a core of raspberry pie, wild blueberries and Morello cherries with hints of pencil shavings and forest floor. The full-bodied palate delivers taut, muscular red and blue fruit preserves with a firm, grainy texture and a lively backbone, finishing long with impressive elegance and sophistication. 194 cases were made.

Anticipated maturity: 2021-2041

94 Points—Lisa Perrotti-Brown (Wine Advocate Dec 2019)



APPELLATION: Yountville, Napa Valley
VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Franc
HARVESTED: September 2016
ALCOHOL: 15.0%