

FREEMARK ABBEY

Est. 1886



NAPA VALLEY

2016
TED'S BLEND/RED WINE
Napa Valley

WINEMAKER EMERITUS- *Ted Edwards* **WINEMAKER-** *Kristy Melton*

VINTAGE AND WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Great color! Dark ruby introduces a wine with tremendous depth of aroma and flavor. Classic cabernet aromas, with dark cherry, leather, cassis, bell pepper and Rutherford Dust, coupled with a sweet oak spice, make for an enchanting experience. There are nuances of aromatic cedar, grilled herbs, walnut meat, and dark chocolate. Full bodied and well balanced, Ted's Blend is chock-full of black and blue flavors that fill the palate from start to finish.

PRIMARY VINEYARDS

Sycamore Vineyard—Rutherford (63.1%) Located about 1.2 miles south of Bosche, right up against the Mayacamas Range, this vineyard has a rich clay loam. Sycamore Vineyard produces small berries reminiscent of mountain fruit berries, with intense extract of color and flavor. The color is very dark early in the fermentation, with flavors of black currant and blackberry with a forest floor complexity. Vines are 8-22 years.

Bosche Vineyard—Rutherford (29.4%) Located west of Hwy. 29, on the famed Rutherford Bench, the Bosche vineyard has very deep gravelly soils. A seasonal creek crosses the vineyard which causes the water table to be high in the spring, providing water and nutrients for new shoot growth. As veraison approaches the water table drops, stressing the wines and intensifying the dark velvety fruit flavors. Vines are 17-25 years.

Red Barn—Rutherford (7.5%) Located in the heart of the Rutherford Appellation, this vineyard is a mosaic of creek beds. The Napa River and Conn Creek have traversed through this vineyard in history past, leaving gravelly loams and ancient creek beds. The fruit is soft, with cherry, plum, rhubarb and arugula.

GROWING SEASON NOTES

The winter continued a dry weather pattern and bud break was early. The growing season was moderate, near ideal, and on an early pace. Most varieties were harvested in September with a final wrap up on October 10th...getting it all in before any rains developed.

COMPOSITION:

78.1% Cabernet Sauvignon
10.2% Petit Verdot
8.2% Merlot
3.5% Cabernet Franc

HARVEST DATES AND SUGAR:

Various dates between 8/22-9/12, averaging roughly 26.3 degrees Brix, the majority of the fruit was harvested in the first two weeks of September.

FERMENTATION:

Stainless steel fermenters at 75-86 deg for 14-28 days skin contact.

ALCOHOL: 14.2% **PH:** 3.55 **ACID:** 0.64g/L

AGING:

Barrel aged in 60 gallon barrels for 27.5 months.
Barrels: Approximately 62% new French oak.
Cooperage: mixed, predominantly World Cooperage, Profiles 24,28 with Demptos and Marchive

LIFE SPAN IN PROPER CELLAR:

20-25 years +

NUMBER OF CASES PRODUCED:

649

BOTTLED:

February 2019