



ALPHA OMEGA

ERA

Napa Valley 2016



ABOUT ALPHA OMEGA

Alpha Omega, established in 2006, is a family-owned, boutique winery in the heart of Napa Valley on the Rutherford Bench. Handcrafting wines from historic and estate-farmed vineyards throughout Napa Valley, Alpha Omega's winemakers combine the Old World's philosophy of balance with the New World's state-of-the-art techniques and natural fruit opulence. The results are wines that uniquely express the essence of the terroir of this legendary wine region through prized vineyards and masterful blending.

WINEMAKER NOTES

ERA 2016 marks the second time our flagship wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. The first was the 2011 vintage when early rains and a cooler climate resulted in lower yields and berries that were very intense. In 2016, spring bud break arrived early due to a dry winter and warm soils resulting in a low flower count, and lighter fruit set with smaller clusters at maturity. The thinner grape population was beneficial to the vines' energy, which developed a concentrated flavor profile for these fewer berries. "The 2016 vintage may be the best ERA yet!"

-Jean Hoefliger

VINEYARD NOTES

ERA is a blend of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from eight award-winning and historic vineyards throughout the Napa Valley. These vineyards offer distinct qualities and when blended create a beautifully balanced and elegant wine. Each of these vineyards is farmed to yield no more than two tons of fruit per acre with one cluster per shoot resulting in a more intense, flavorful berry. ERA is handcrafted and barrel fermented with its natural wild yeast and is not fined or filtered.

COLOR	Deep red-black Cassis liqueur with touches of fuchsia on the rim
ON THE NOSE	Beautiful interplay between rocks and ripe fruit and nuances of plum tart, macerated cherries, dark chocolate, lavender, cedar and fresh herbs
ON THE PALATE	Silky entrance evolving to a dense structure with blueberries, black cherries and boysenberries lingering on white flowers and chocolate candy
BLEND	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
FERMENTATION	100% barrel fermented
AGING	22 months in French oak, 80% new, 20% 1-year-old barrels
VINEYARDS	Thomas Vineyard and Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard (Rutherford), Drew Vineyard (Mount Veeder), Sunshine Valley Vineyard (Oak Knoll District) Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard (Oakville), Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard and Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard (St. Helena) and Stagecoach Vineyard (Atlas Peak)