

“With elevated yet balanced tannins, the Merlot Napa Valley 2016 is ever so slowly entering its prime drinking window but will certainly still continue its graceful development in bottle for many more years.”



*Henrik Poulsen
Winemaker*

“Cabernet Sauvignon is the king of Napa Valley, and in a year like 2017, where we had a true expression of Napa, the king was crowned with tannins and power.”



*Jean Hoefliger
Consulting Winemaker*

WINE CLUB EVENTS 2019

December 15 Holiday Giving Spree

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Dear Alpha Omega family,

2019 was certainly a year of blessings!

One of many highlights this year was fulfilling an auction lot we donated at Auction Napa Valley, partnering with Chappellet and Silver Oak to raise \$280,000 for local nonprofits. This magical Airstream glamping experience was held on our 4500+-acre ranch on Lake Berryessa, land we donated with a conservation easement to the Land Trust of Napa County.

For 2019, as a business, our goal was to focus on how we could best support you, our Wine Club family.

Our goal has been to continue to strive to strengthen and support what we all celebrate most at Alpha Omega, our people, our product and our place. Each of these divine units to our brand could not be successful without the support of the other – our trinity.

We expanded our vision on building a strong team culture, product quality to meet our customers' needs and the most perfect delivery of a sense of place.

We elevated Estate Director Jeff Knowles, a Napa native with over a decade of worldwide five-star resort operations experience, to become our first COO. We welcomed back Winemaker Henrik Poulsen, a member of our founding winemaking team and who has worked side-by-side with consulting winemaker Jean Hoefliger for 13 years.

The synergy amongst our entire Alpha Omega team has never been better. And the value of our trinity is our Alpha Omega family blessing this year.

Cheers to much joy, love and peace in 2020!

Robin and Michelle Baggett
Vintners

MERLOT NAPA VALLEY 2016



Alpha Omega has access to some of the best blocks of Merlot from Newton Vineyard, a high-elevation, rugged vineyard in the Spring Mountain District AVA. In 2016, spring bud break came early due to dry and relatively warm soils from a drought winter. The thinner grape population was beneficial as it focused the vines' flavor energy on fewer bunches. Minimal heat spells and consistently cool nights across the summer months allowed the clusters to ripen slowly and evenly while protecting their vitally important natural acidity.

Blend: 100% Merlot
Fermentation: 75% barrel fermented,
25% stainless steel tank fermented
Aging: 22 months, 100% French oak;
80% new, 20% 1-year-old barrels
Vineyards: Newton (Spring Mountain District),
1156 (Rutherford), Keller (Coombsville)

Retail Price: \$104 **Wine Club Price:** \$83.20

CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY 2017



In 2017, climate conditions leading up to harvest were marked by blistering heat. By employing our own vineyard manager and viticulture crew, Alpha Omega weathered the conditions very well. When it came time for our winemakers to put the final blend together, the use of various vineyards favored a few cooler climate sites. The Alpha Omega Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 is a dense and very structured wine that is crafted and blended to be enjoyed for decades.

Blend: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot
Fermentation: 94% barrel fermented,
6% stainless steel tank fermented
Aging: 22 months, 100% French oak;
75% new, 25% 1-year-old
Vineyards: Keller (Coombsville), Soltan (Oak Knoll District), Circle R (Atlas Peak), Partridge (St. Helena), Newton (Spring Mountain District), Clark-Claudon (Howell Mountain), Sklar (Oakville), Kan (St. Helena)

Retail Price: \$106 **Wine Club Price:** \$84.80

If you would like to acquire additional bottles of this month's Wine Club selections, or any other Alpha Omega wines, kindly contact our Brand Ambassadors at 707-302-2800 or acquire@aowinery.com.

Greetings Wine Club members,

We've completed another spectacular harvest! A special thanks to those of you who attended our Crush Fêtes this fall. These educational and interactive parties are a reminder of the huge amount of labor that goes into every bottle of wine we make. In mid-October, we toasted the end of harvest with two beautiful Harvest Wine Paring Showcase dinners on our Vineyard Terrace for our Wine Club members and ERA Elite. On November 9, we raised a glass of our exceptional and very limited 2017 Single Vineyard selections at our Single Vineyard Release Celebration.

We're excited about our annual Holiday Giving Spree on December 15 when we will collect toys from our members to give to local charities. To reserve your spaces, contact concierge@aowinery.com. Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping bring a smile to children's faces.

This November 2019 Wine Club shipment brings you a small production wine created exclusively for our members, Merlot Napa Valley 2016, and the always popular Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2017 – just in time for Thanksgiving. The Merlot is delicious and an ideal example of a big Napa Valley Merlot. The acidity and tannic structure of this wine will pleasantly surprise you while the fruit components, including dark cherry, will pair nicely for holiday dining. The Cabernet Sauvignon is another in a string of incredible Cabernet Sauvignons from our winemaking team.

You may opt to age these selections in the cellar and be rewarded later or uncork now for instant gratification. We truly hope that you enjoy this month's Wine Club selections and the upcoming holiday season. Thank you for your continued support of Alpha Omega and our entire family!

Director of Wine Clubs and Private Clients