



ALPHA OMEGA

Cabernet Sauvignon
Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard
St. Helena
Napa Valley
2016



ABOUT ALPHA OMEGA

Established in 2006, Alpha Omega's mission is to create artisanal wines drawing on Old World vineyard handcrafted practices and emphasis on unique terroir driven characteristics that reveal a sense of place combined with New World technology and science. The family-owned, boutique winery in the heart of Napa Valley on the Rutherford Bench is honored that its estate is considered one of the top wineries in the region.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The effects of this growing season brought a very elegant and feminine counterpart to this wine. 2016 was a near-perfect growing season giving Napa Valley another winner in a string of historic vintages. Spring budbreak came early due to dry, warm soils from a drought winter. This produced a lower count and smaller clusters. The thinner grape population focused the vine's energy into the smaller clusters resulting in very flavorful berries. 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.

ABOUT THE VINEYARDS

Las Piedras, or "tiny pebbles", was the first vineyard planted in the St. Helena AVA. In 1983, Beckstoffer Vineyards purchased the property and planted it to two clones of Cabernet Sauvignon. The scarcity of water at this gravelly and early ripening site combined with limited air circulation creates the most extreme conditions of any vineyard we utilize. The small, thick-skinned grapes make for wines high in concentration and thick tannins.

ON THE NOSE

Balanced, beautiful with blackberry jam, cherry compote, notes of tarragon, bay leaves, oak vanillin

ON THE PALATE

Velvety entrance evolving on a round palate with a framed finish, accents of ripe black fruit, Mirabelle plum, honey, milk chocolate

BLEND

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

FERMENTATION

100% barrel fermented

AGING

22 months in French oak, 80% new, 20% 1-year-old barrels