



ALPHA OMEGA

Cabernet Sauvignon
Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard
Oakville
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

Planted by Napa pioneer Hamilton Crabb in 1868, To Kalon Vineyard is known for the depth of its rocky, well-drained alluvial soil and grapes with ample tannins and bright, natural acidity. Our different blocks include several sections with very high plant density providing natural shade from the afternoon sun resulting in wines with great structure balanced by an inviting fruitiness.

ON THE NOSE

Beautiful explosion of fruit like sun-dried tomatoes, blueberry reduction, blackberry jam, violets, cedar, vanilla beans, Espelette peppers, roasted peanuts, black olives, white truffles, coconuts

ON THE PALATE

Dense but velvety entrance evolving on layers of framed, granular tannins with touches of licorice, fresh plum, iris flower, elderberry sorbet

BLEND

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

FERMENTATION

100% barrel fermented

AGING

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