

# DAVIES

VINEYARDS

## 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Simpkins Vineyard  
Coombsville, Napa Valley*

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its first vintage bottling of the Simpkins Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon from the Coombsville District. Building upon its experience with its home property on Diamond Mountain in the valley's western Mayacamas Range, second-generation Vintner Hugh Davies, Director of Winemaking Sean Thompson and Consultant Celia Welch have developed an excellent collaboration over the past decade in crafting Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons, and they are very proud to present this unique vineyard-designate bottling from the 2016 vintage.

Located in Coombsville, the Simpkins Vineyard is managed by viticulturist Mike Wolfe. Coombsville is a quiet area, in the southeastern corner of the Napa Valley, tucked up against the foothills of the Vaca Mountain Range, just outside of the Napa city limits. Coombsville wines can be recognized by their structured tannins, which provide excellent power and mouthfeel, along with underlying layers of earth and mineral flavors. The vineyard soil is rocky loam, providing good drainage and low nutrient concentration. Under these external stresses the vines work hard to produce a limited amount of the best quality fruit.

Coombsville's temperatures are moderated by its proximity to the San Pablo Bay. Temperate daily highs and minimal heat spikes limit dehydration, preserves acidity levels, and generally aids even ripening patterns. The vines bud early, and the grapes tend to be harvested later, making for a long, slow ripening period which promotes intensified flavors and layering in the finished wine.

Following the first non-drought winter in five years, the 2016 vintage was a near-perfect growing season with ideal weather conditions throughout. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July/August, followed by a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness for the light yields that were present.



### Tasting Notes

"This Cabernet Sauvignon opens with rich aromas of black plum and brambly berry accentuated by undertones of black pepper, sage and vanilla. The palate has a well-structured, full and lush entry of black raspberry with notes of dark chocolate and coffee leading to a smooth finish."

*- Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies  
- Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch*

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Appellation:</b>	Coombsville, Napa Valley
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Simpkins Vineyard
<b>Barrel Aging:</b>	22 months in 55% new French oak
<b>Coopers:</b>	Atelier, Orion, Taransaud
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.7%
<b>TA:</b>	0.58 g/100 mL
<b>pH:</b>	3.83
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	October 4 - 13, 2016
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	August 31, 2018
<b>Release Date:</b>	October 1, 2019
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	150 (9-Liter)
<b>Suggested Retail:</b>	\$100
<b>Available Format:</b>	750 mL