

J·DAVIES

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Diamond Mountain District

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg and Davies Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its sixteenth vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon crafted from the historic Diamond Mountain vineyards they purchased in 1965. The estate vineyards were replanted to Bordeaux varietals beginning in 1994, and the J. Davies Estate Cabernet Sauvignon was first released in 2004 (2001 vintage).

J. Davies Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is the creation of two generations of the Davies family, the product of an intimate knowledge of a place and of a passion to create delicious red wine. The wine is named in honor of patriarch Jack L. Davies, who along with his wife, Jamie, revived the Schramsberg property and established the preeminent American sparkling wine house over 50 years ago.

The vineyard blocks, totaling 41 acres, are laid out in three isolated pockets ranging from approximately 550 to 1,000 feet in elevation. They include the two Schram sections, Napa Valley's first hillside vineyards, originally established in 1862 by Jacob Schram. The third piece is the adjacent McEachran parcel, which was first planted by Colin McEachran in 1878 and was purchased by Schramsberg in 1985. These are the southernmost vineyards in the Diamond Mountain District AVA. Flanked by two cool creek canyons (Nash Creek to the north and Ritchie Creek to the south) and surrounded by dense coniferous and deciduous forests, the vines here produce late-ripening, richly concentrated fruit with average yields of just two tons per acre.

The 2016 vintage was a near-perfect growing season with ideal weather condition throughout. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August, and then 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 opens with rich aromas of red raspberry and red plum, accentuated by undertones of cocoa powder and cola spice. Supple tannins anchor the wine's well-structured palate, where a concentrated entry of baked strawberry and blackberry leads to a juicy acidity and lengthy finish.”

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

Varietal Composition:	84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec, 6% Petit Verdot
Appellation:	Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley, Estate Grown
Vineyards:	J. Davies Estate
Barrel Aging:	22 months in 62% new French oak
Coopers:	Boutes, Damy, Atelier, Taransaud
Alcohol:	14.7%
TA:	0.66 g/100 mL
PH:	3.82
Harvest Dates:	September 19 – October 22, 2016
Bottling Date:	August 30, 2018
Release Date:	October 1, 2019
Cases Produced:	1,200 (9-Liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$120
Available Formats:	750 mL, 1.5 L, 3 L

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