

J·DAVIES

2016 MALBEC

Diamond Mountain District

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in Napa Valley, is proud to present the 2016 J. Davies Estate Malbec. This is the second time the Davies Vineyards winemaking team has created a bottling that is solely focused on the Malbec varietal grown on our Diamond Mountain property. The J. Davies Estate takes its name from Jack L. Davies, who along with his wife, Jamie, revived the Schramsberg property over 50 years ago.

The Malbec grape was first planted on the historic Schramsberg Diamond Mountain property in 1998. Since that time, a total of five small blocks, totaling a mere 2.7 acres of planted vines, have been designated to the Malbec grape. Initially unsure of how Malbec would fit into the still wine program, it quickly became a winemaker favorite and has been used as a blending component in every vintage crafted of the J. Davies Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. The five Malbec blocks are spread across the property's 41 acres of planted vineyards, ranging from 500 ft. up to 1,000 ft. in elevation, and featuring an array of volcanic soils. The vines on the property produce low-yielding grape clusters, with juice that has delicious balance and intense rich flavors. This breadth of varying soils, elevation, sun exposure and concentrated flavors provides the winemaking team the ability to produce a deep range of barrel lots from which all of the J. Davies Estate wines are crafted.

The 2016 vintage was a near-perfect growing season with ideal weather conditions 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

“Aromas of red plum, cinnamon and milk chocolate are accentuated by blueberry and violet. The juicy entry of black plum, black raspberry and baking spice is infused with hints of black pepper and mocha, and is sustained by resolved tannins.”

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

Varietal Composition:	100% Malbec
Appellation:	Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley, Estate Grown
Vineyard:	J. Davies Estate
Barrel Aging:	22 months in 68% new French oak
Coopers:	Taransaud, Atelier, Marques
Alcohol:	14.8%
TA:	0.64 g/100 mL
pH:	3.85
Harvest Dates:	September 19 - October 12, 2016
Bottling Date:	August 30, 2018
Release Date:	October 1, 2019
Cases Produced:	400 (9-Liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$95
Available Format:	750 mL

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