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## 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Diamond Mountain District*

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its eleventh vintage of J. Davies Estate “jd” Cabernet Sauvignon. Like its companion J. Davies Estate bottlings, this red wine is crafted solely from the densely flavored, richly structured fruit grown on the family’s hillside property. Following the blending of J. Davies, winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies carefully select from the remaining outstanding barrels of wine to craft this offering. Vibrant and approachable as a young wine, the medium-bodied “jd” is released after two years of aging. Bearing the initials of Jack Davies, who along with his wife, Jamie, revived the historic Schramsberg winery property in 1965, it is the product of an intimate knowledge of this place, and a passion to create delicious Cabernet Sauvignon.

### The Vineyards

The vineyard blocks, totaling 41 acres, are laid out in three isolated pockets ranging from 500 to 1000 feet in elevation. They include the two Schram sections, Napa Valley’s first hillside vineyards, originally established in 1862 by Jacob Schram, and the McEachran parcel, which was first planted by Colin McEachran in 1878. 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 compact 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

“Aromas of blueberry, red plum and black cherry are accentuated by clove, vanilla and dark chocolate. The palate’s bright entry of ripe red berry and cranberry is infused with a hint of white pepper and blackberry, sustained with a finish of firm balanced tannins.”

– Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies

– Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch



<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot
<b>Appellation:</b>	Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley, Estate Grown
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	September 27 - October 22, 2016
<b>Barrel Aging:</b>	20 months in French oak, 42% new
<b>Coopers:</b>	Atelier, Marques, Boutes, Taransaud
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.1%
<b>TA:</b>	0.60 g/100 mL
<b>pH:</b>	3.88
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	April 12, 2018
<b>Release Date:</b>	March 1, 2019
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	650 (9-Liter)
<b>Suggested Retail:</b>	\$70
<b>Available Format:</b>	750 mL