



2016
“Bearly There”
Merlot
Estate - El Dorado

Harvest

100.0% Merlot
Harvest date: 10 Sept. 2016
Harvest Brix: 25.8 degrees brix
pH: 3.75
Total Acidity: 0.64 g/100ml

Wine

Alcohol: 14.2%
pH: 3.80
Total Acidity: 0.56 g/100m
Barrel Aging: 32 months
1 year old French Oak
Bottling Date: 27 June
2019
Cases Produced: 25

Winemaking Notes

The 2016 vintage was the last year in the most recent drought cycle. What rain we had came in late spring which also heightened the mildew concerns. Warm fall temperatures had all varieties ripening at the same time. The late warm spell did give the fruit depth of flavor and tannin structure. Fermented in small ½ ton lots, the new wine was aged in 1 year old French Oak to give balance to the tannins.

Tasting Notes

A dark purple and magenta color leads to deep aromas of ripe plum and new leather with hints of chocolate. Ripe red fruit impressions in the mouth are extended by a rich and full finish. The wine is firm in tannins and finishes with lingering blackberry and sweet oak. This wine tastes great right now and will add to any rich cuisine or BBQ fare, with proper storage should age gracefully for another three years.

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