

• SKETCHBOOK •

CABERNET SAUVIGNON MENDOCINO COLLECTION

Vintage | 2016

HISTORY



Sketchbook Mendocino Collection is an expression of the real people, places, and tastes of Mendocino County, Northern California – a region celebrated for its wild natural beauty, free-spirited culture, and generations of independent grape growers. Each Sketchbook Wine is a master class in the art of observation, beginning – as great artworks do – with humble, honest attention to the unique characteristics of each vineyard, vine and vintage.

VINTAGE

2016's anticipated El Niño rainfall was less than originally forecast, but the increased rainfall Mendocino County received aided in stronger root and canopy development and refreshed vines. Warm spring days followed by long, mild summer temperatures allowed for steady fruit maturation producing excellent flavor and acid development.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:

Mendocino AVA
100% Ukiah Valley

COOPERAGE:

Aged 18 months in French and American oak

BOTTLING DATE: 11/27/18

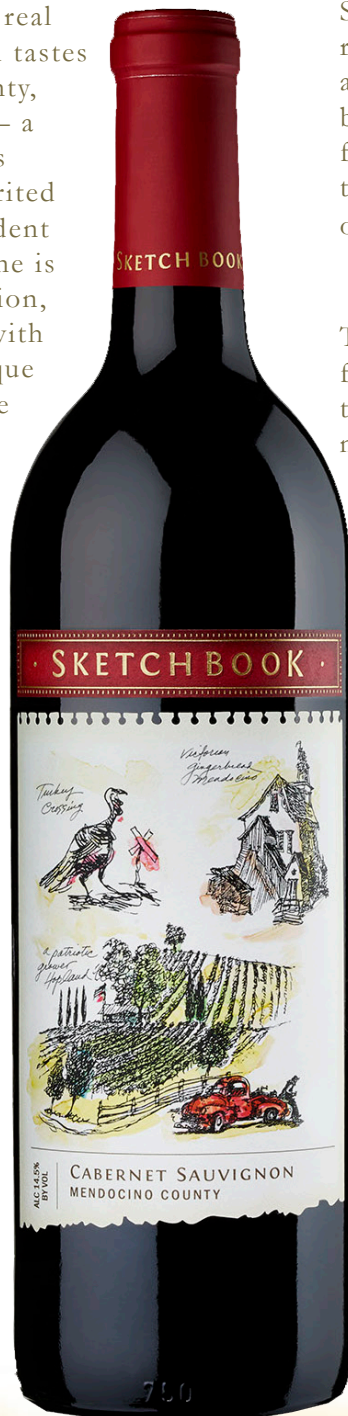
ALCOHOL: 14.5%

TA: 0.53g/100ml

pH: 3.67

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

85% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Merlot



TASTING NOTES

Mendocino County's rocky hillsides grow Cabernet Sauvignon grapes of remarkable character and complexity. Dark berry and chocolate flavors are enriched by toasty oak tones and a hint of cedar forest.



WINEMAKING

This Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from Redwood Valley and Ukiah Valley, two unique Mendocino County microclimates. Redwood Valley's cooler temperatures contribute acid structure and balance, whereas the warmer temperatures of Ukiah Valley lead to a richer, fatter Cab profile. A French Bordeaux yeast strain was selected to support a pleasing mid-palate structure and fresh, fruit-forward finish.

90 POINTS
WINE ENTHUSIAST
June 2019

