



AVA: Napa Valley
Composition: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon,
12% Merlot, 6% Petite Sirah,
4% Malbec
Alcohol: 13.5%
TA: 5.76 g/L
pH: 3.67



STARMONT

WINERY AND VINEYARDS

2016 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

From the time Starmont first appeared on a label in 1989, the name has been recognized for classically styled varietal wines that are expressive and approachable. Now, nearly 30 years later, led by Winemaker Jeff Crawford Starmont is producing some of their best wines ever as part of the Merryvale Family of Wines. Focused on sustainability and making the highest quality wines, the Stanly Ranch Estate Vineyard has been Napa Green Certified since 2007.

Wine Notes

Grown in top vineyards across the Napa Valley, Starmont Cabernet lots were hand selected for their rich, robust flavors and fine tannins. Very dark red in color, with aromas of dark berries and some herbs with background notes of baking spices. Fruit flavors along with subtle toasty oak are framed by well balanced acidity and well resolved tannins. The finish shows great structure with well integrated and resolved tannins. Ours is a restrained style Napa Cab, not over-ripe or overly extracted. Meant to be balanced and approachable on its own, and also pair well with food.

Winemaking

All of the fruit was handpicked and hand sorted. We harvest the fruit in the early morning to preserve the fresh flavors and keep the skins intact. Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were carefully sorted and de-stemmed, but not crushed, leaving over 90% whole berries. After a cold presoak an average of 2 days, the Cabernet Sauvignon and other varietals were fermented traditionally (82-86°F for 9 days). The wine spent an average of 14 days on the skins and was aged 15 months in a combination of French and American oak (30% new). The wine was bottled without fining.