



# Accendo

Cellars



Napa Valley  
**CABERNET SAUVIGNON**  
**2016**

*"The consistency of an exceptional vintage is expressed in the purity, length and fineness of this wine - it is deep and powerful, yet perfectly integrated, seamless from approach to finish, full of plush flavor from ripe fruit, ending with silky tannins and graphite that linger on the palate."*

- winemakers Françoise Peschon and Nigel Kinsman

#### TASTING NOTES

Reflecting the outstanding vintage, the captivating nose of this wine shows dark and brooding aromas of cassis, plum and blackberry, touched by exotic notes of lavender, anise, pencil lead and leather. On the palate, rich flavors of ripe black fruits are wrapped around a firm structure of fine-grained tannins, minerality and beautiful freshness that carry on into the long, satisfying finish.

#### PHILOSOPHY

Accendo Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon is an uber blend utilizing impeccable fruit from superior vineyard sites, fashioned in a winemaking style that emphasizes elegance, balance, freshness and finesse. It is a quintessential expression of Napa Valley terroir.

#### VINEYARDS

Our core Cabernet vineyards are located in the "Gold Coast" of the western bench of Oakville and Yountville, viewed by most locals as the location of Napa Valley's finest sites for growing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon: Vine Hill Ranch, M-Bar Ranch, Sleeping Lady. These core vineyards are complemented and complexed by unique and little-known treasures: Ecotone, Terravina at Upper Range, Diamond Mountain. At Accendo Cellars, we work with owners and growers who sustainably farm their land and believe, as we do, that great wines are made in the vineyard. The vineyards we source today are a testament to that belief, and share some common characteristics:

- Unique terroir, with signature characteristics, found only at that site
- Consistency of the fruit every year
- Ability to produce high quality in challenging vintages

#### VINTAGE NOTES

2016 in Napa Valley was viewed by growers and vintners alike as a 'vintage of exceptional quality'. Late winter and early spring rains brought welcome relief from the long-running drought, filling the soils with moisture which, coupled with a lack of frost and warm spring temperatures, allowed an early budbreak and rapid development of the grapevine canopies. The weather at bloom was beautifully consistent, leading to a good set of small berries that resulted in moderate crop levels. The gorgeous summer months were relatively cool with very few heat spikes, and with veraison finishing in late July, the grapes had ample time to develop full flavors while retaining excellent acidity and freshness.

#### VARIETAL BLEND

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petite Verdot

#### HAND HARVESTED

September 15th - October 8th

#### WINEMAKING

Fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged in new and used French oak barrels for 22 months.

#### ALCOHOL

14.8%

#### PRODUCTION

1240 cases

#### ACCOLADES

98pts

*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

97+pts

vinous

96pts

Wine Spectator





**DIAMOND MOUNTAIN  
(FORMERLY REVERIE ESTATE),  
DIAMOND MOUNTAIN**

 CABERNET FRANC

 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

 PETIT VERDOT

**ECOTONE VINEYARD  
(FORMERLY THOREVILOS VINEYARD),  
NAPA VALLEY**

 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**TERRAVINA VINEYARD,  
NAPA VALLEY**

**RANCHO PEQUEÑO,  
OAKVILLE**

 PETIT VERDOT

 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**VINE HILL RANCH,  
OAKVILLE**

**M-BAR RANCH,  
OAKVILLE**

 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**SLEEPING LADY VINEYARD,  
YOUNTVILLE**

 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**RYAN'S VINEYARD,  
OAK KNOLL**

  
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ACCENDO (Latin, Verb):  
TO ILLUMINATE, TO INSPIRE, TO AROUSE

Accendo Cellars is: the Araujo Family's wine brand, made by two generations working together with their longstanding team to honor the winemaking and family heritage of Napa Valley.

The wines of Accendo Cellars are inspired by Napa Valley's early modern era—the 1950s, 60s and 70s—derived from grapevines rooted in some of the finest vineyard sites and nurtured by growers devoted to the land. The Accendo wines express the nobility and purity of the terroir the Araujos have long admired about this region.

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