

U L Y S S E S

2016 NAPA VALLEY

“To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.” – Alfred Lord Tennyson, Ulysses



Ulysses is a Cabernet Sauvignon with a touch of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot produced from Ulysses Vineyard, Oakville, California.

Steeped in history, ULYSSES Vineyard, part of the original 1800's Charles Hopper Ranch, was acquired in 2008 by Christian Moueix. Along the Napa Valley's Oakville bench and extending over an alluvial fan at the foot of the Mayacamas Range, the site is exceptional for winegrowing. The soil is composed of deep, gravelly, clay loam and is particularly well-suited to growing Cabernet Sauvignon.

Since the acquisition, Christian Moueix and his team have pursued an in-depth understanding of the soil and microclimate and have undertaken a lengthy and meticulous vineyard restoration. Dry farming, the foundation of Ulysses' sustainable farming practices, enhances root depth and resistance to drought, resulting in a wine that is a pure expression of its terroir.

Our team's intention is to produce a wine reflecting the exceptional potential and individuality of the Ulysses Vineyard. Our approach is minimalist, with attentive observation and restrained intervention. Harvested at perfect ripeness and with the utmost care, the grapes undergo both cluster and berry selection before a gentle vinification and aging.

Budbreak:	March 20	Bloom:	May 9
Veraison:	July 21	Harvest Start:	September 24
Harvest End:	October 1	Yields:	2.5 – 3.2 tons/acre
Bottling:	July 2018	Cases Produced:	1300
Release Date:	March 2020		

WEATHER: 2016 was characterized by a rainy and warmer than average winter. With soil water reserves full, vines quickly grew dense and vigorous canopies. Bloom and veraison unfolded in warm and dry conditions. Ripening slowed down in August because of cooler temperatures and late morning fog. Warm temperatures in September (99°F on 18th, 100°F on 25th, 100°F on 26th) helped fruit to ripen consistently.

Winemaker's Notes: Remarkably fresh and full of energy, the Ulysses 2016 offers deep boysenberry, lavender and sage, spruce, rose petals, and wild cherry. The palate vibrates with fine - grained tannins and along, bracing finish.



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Aromas of sweet berries, fresh herbs, currant bush and licorice.

Terracotta. Full body, layered and soft, velvety and focused tannins.

Breathtaking texture. The focus ad polished is phenomenal.

Harmonious. Enticing. Fascinating and thoughtful.

A blend of cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and petit verdot.

Drink or hold.



ALSO: WINE ADVOCATE – 95+ PTS, VINOUS – 98+ PTS, WINE SPECTATOR – 94 PTS.