



2016 terra 9
estate cabernet sauvignon

This wine comes from land held by our family for over 155 years.

composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
harvest	September 14-September 29
aging	22 months in French oak barrels, 60% new barrels
release date	February 2020
alcohol	13.9%
winemaker	Julien Fayard

vintage notes: The near-perfect 2016 growing season started early, saw ideal weather conditions throughout and wrapped up as the valley's first significant fall rainstorm arrived. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August and then a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness. We selected rows from our Estate according to taste but varied that taste and ripeness over a harvest spanning two weeks.

winemakers' notes: The 2016 vintage produced small yields of exceptionally rich, structured fruit. This lithe, dynamic wine opens with a wild bouquet of brambly berries, freshly turned earth and licorice root. Sweet red fruits explode on the palate, with juicy pomegranate and Bing cherry soaring into ripe plum, allspice, mocha and milk chocolate notes. Fine, well-integrated tannins give grace and structure to the sleek fruit core, which arcs into a lingering, mouthwatering finish of bright berry, black tea, and sweet oak spice.