

Ceritas

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Dear Friends:

We end our release schedule each year with our Peter Martin Ray Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2016 vintage was our fifth year working with this noble site and we are so thrilled to continue deepening our relationship to these vines and the resulting wine.

The site is impressive and the resulting wine is something so familiar to the old wines of California. The vineyard straddles a north-south running ridge, one ridge south of Ridge's Monte Bello site. Meager soils with exceptional drainage force the 90-year-old dry-farmed vines to seek water, nutrients, and life from the bedrock. Head trained and farmed by the same two people for the past 20 years. This is a wine of history, a wine of pedigree, and a wine you will want to pull out of your cellar in 20+ years to enjoy with good friends and food.

We harvested perfectly mature grapes on September 28th. Tiny, concentrated berries were de-stemmed and put to tank allowing fermentation to proceed at its own natural pace. In total, fermentation lasted 35 days, producing a wine of great depth, complexity, and perfume. Aged for 30 months in a combination of used and new Bordeaux barrels with minimal sulfur until just before bottling. Unfined, unfiltered.

We hope you enjoy this wine for many years to come. Thank you for your continued support. Be well.

John and Phoebe

2016 PETER MARTIN RAY CABERNET SAUVIGNON / SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

Powerful, deep, and concentrated. There is plenty of underlying structure, but almost no sensation of tannins because the fruit is so intense. Floral and spice notes meld into a core of distinctly red-toned fruits, highlighting the red currant, pomegranate, and wild sage aromas. The wine speaks of its hallowed terroir in the Santa Cruz Mountains, just one ridge to the south of Monte Bello. Bright and fresh with layers of mouthwatering acidity and fresh fruit. This wine will age beautifully but will reward in the near term with a decanting.