



Fratelli Perata Winery

Fratelli Perata 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Riserva, Estate

We whetted our appetites on Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley starting in 1972, until discovering Paso Robles in 1976. Cabernet was a great love and a driving force to locate our vineyard where it can shine. And here we are, with our own Cabernet, styled after the wines of the great old Napa houses, with a dash of French chateaux in the mix. Big, deep, age me type wines. We have not succumbed to the chemistry style winemaking that can strip out tannin, mellow out acid, adjust color, etc, etc, Here is our vineyard and the vintage talking to you. It's not about formulas, it's about taste. As our vines have reached old age now, they are not yielding like a vigorous young vine. We cherish every glass of wine they give us. This vintage is more delicate than most. While flavorful and rich, it doesn't have tannin levels that demand long aging. Cherry and spice, hints of tannin and acid. Hardly enough for 1 bottle each. Please, please age.

Harvested: September 29 and October 2, 2016

Brix: 26.1

pH: 3.6

Fermented: In open topped stainless steel fermenters, punched down with much difficulty

Pressed: Into new French oak barrels

Alcohol: 13.8%

Bottled: August 7, 2020

Production: 62 cases, only

Aging: If you're short on wine and need to open this now, let it breathe in the bottle for 4 to 6 hours or decant for about 1 hour. Best 2022 to 2026.