WINEMAKER NOTES / TECHNICAL SHEET

MONTICELLO

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
'JEFFERSON CUVEE'

VARIETAL COMPOSITION
78 % Cabernet Sauvignon
22 % Merlot

APPELLATION COMPOSITION
100 % Napa Valley.
Including :
State Lane Vineyard, Yountville (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Monticello Vineyard, Oak Knoll District (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Tietjen Vineyard, Rutherford (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Yewell Vineyard, St. Helena (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Knollwood Vineyard, Oak Knoll District (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Knollwood Vineyard, Oak Knoll District (Merlot)

ALCOHOL	14.5 % Alc	6.8 g/L TA	3.74 pH

PRODUCTION 2500 Cases

HARVEST INFO
Multiple Lots Picked Between September 20 – October 11, 2016. Hand-Picked and Hand-Sorted.
100 % Tank Fermented with Cultured Yeast.

AGING NOTES
Aged 20 Months in French Oak Barrels. 1/3 New French Oak.

VINTAGE / WINEMAKING NOTES
The 2016 vintage represents another year of phenomenal quality wines from our vineyards and across Napa Valley. 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 on October 14. All of our fruit was picked prior to this rain. 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. The wines from 2016 are displaying ripe fruit, great structure and balance.

Our Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards were picked separately between September 20 – October 11, to ensure optimal ripeness for each individual site. The vineyards and blocks were crushed and fermented separately, then blended over three different blending sessions during the 20 months aging in barrels. The flavors and aromas that developed in the fermenters and during barrel aging were fantastic, and following these wines' progress through the barrel aging was a winemaking pleasure. In our minds, 2016 will be considered one of the classics of this recent string of wonderful harvests.

TASTING NOTES
I find dark, luscious aromas of boysenberry, blackberry, anise with undercurrents of lightly toasted oak and hints of vanilla. The lighter tones from the barrels are a nice balance to the dark tones of the wine. On the palate the wine is rich in texture, with a full-bodied midpalate, moderate tannins which frame the wine very nicely, and a very long, lingering finish.

AGING Drink 2018 - 2038.

SERVING Decant 30-60 Minutes Prior to Serving.