



Helen's Hill 2016 'Old Orchard Block 8' Cabernet



ABOUT

Cabernet. It is affectionately known as God's red wine. When you try ours, you may be inclined to agree with that sentiment. Drinking this classical blend of five varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec, forming our 'Old Orchards' Cabernets is a truly transcendent experience. The dark rolling fruit flavours of blackcurrants and berries are complimented perfectly with rich spiced oak and firm tannins. How do we create fruit with this level of intensity? It's all about the soil where we planted our Cabernet vines. On top of our hill there was once an orchard nestled amongst the rocks and crags. Our vines love it up there. They shoot their roots down deep and take in all that the rocks and soil have to offer. And the fruit they produce has an intensity to it that once bottled, is truly divine.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Picked relatively early to maintain the balance of acid and sugar. The fruit is then destemmed and lightly crushed, maintaining a large amount of whole berries for fermentation. All five varieties are co-fermented on skins for 14 days. Once the primary fermentation is completed, the wine is gently pressed, settled then racked into French oak barrels (40% new) for 18 months to mature.

2016 VINTAGE REPORT

Flowering conditions in November were similar to 2015; close to perfect. Mild weather through the Spring period led to consistent fruit set and good yields throughout the vineyard. The favourable weather continued on into the ripening season. Consistent heat and moderate rainfall allowed for a controlled ripening season. The result was well balanced fruit, with lovely acidity matching the sugar level, allowing us to build our 2016 wines they way we like to.

TASTING NOTES

An intense bouquet of dark fruits and violets set the tone for the journey this wine will take you on. Dark fruits of blackberry and raspberry continue on the palate, lingering all the way to the back. The intense dark fruits are supported with silky yet firm tannin to give this wine all the structure required for it to last the test of time.

Colour	Dark Crimson
Aroma	Black Plum and Spices
Palate	Blackberry fruits, powerful tannins.
Skin Contact Time	14 Days



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