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2016 THE GRADE Cellars “Serpent’s Back” Cabernet Sauvignon



Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley Calistoga Sub-AVA
Proprietors:	Brenda Mixson & Tom Thornton
Winemaker:	Thomas Rivers Brown
Release Date:	September 2019
Release Price:	\$125 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown) Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA
Harvest Date:	October 1, 2016
Vines:	Block 4 – Clone 337 on R/S 101-14
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac (75% new)
Aging:	19 months; Bottled June 20, 2018
Panel:	14.6 % Alcohol; 3.90 pH; 5.5 g/L Titratable Acidity
Production:	100 cases

Winemaker’s Tasting Notes:

“This wine exhibits beautifully expressive and balanced floral, fruit and earth-focused notes in vivid harmony. The aromas are intoxicating, marked by lavender, raspberry compote, cranberry tea, and pine bough.

“Possessing a sleek trajectory, the silky tannin structure wraps all the dark black fruit and complimentary spice together in a luscious package that draws out throughout the extended finish with ethereal notes of purple flowers. This wine is round and supple, showing very well for being so young.”

-- Thomas Brown