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## 2016 THE GRADE CELLARS “Winfield Vineyard” 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:	\$120 retail per 750ml
Vineyard:	Winfield Vineyard (100% Estate Grown) Old Toll Road, Calistoga, CA
Harvest Date:	Block 1 – September 30, 2016; Block 4 – October 1, 2016; Block 5 – October 10, 2016
Vines:	Block 1 – Clone 7 on R/S 110R; Block 4 – Clone 337 on R/S 101-14; Block 5 – Clone 33 on R/S SO4
Cooperage:	100% French Oak from Treuil and Jarnac (60% new)
Aging:	19 months; Bottled June 20, 2018
Panel:	14.5% Alcohol; 3.90 pH; 5.5 g/L Titratable Acidity
Production:	520 cases

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

*“2016 produced wines that are very giving, round, coating and streamlined. Year after this year, this bottling aims to highlight the best attributes of the Winfield Vineyard, and also creates a wine that possesses qualities that allow it to age well in the cellar and evolve over many years.*

*“This wine expresses a focused balancing act of dark, rich black fruit, and a fine tannin structure, illuminated through the core with a laser-like acidity. The wine displays a deep purple-red hue with a cranberry halo. Aromas of cassis, cinnamon, citrus oil, roasted meat, and lilac swell from the glass.*

*“The palate is marked by a wave of jet-black brambly fruit up front, followed by an exotic spice mid-palate and a long, complex finish that lasts and lasts expressing notes of flowering jasmine, and oolong tea. The silky tannins hold everything together and will certainly allow this wine to evolve in the cellar for at least 7-10 years.”*

*-- Thomas Rivers Brown*