

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON Red Barn Vineyard - 'The Point' Rutherford

THE BLEND

100% Cabernet sauvignon

PRODUCTION

602 cases

RELEASE DATE

November 2018

STATISTICS

harvested —
September 30
23.8° brix at harvest
13.6% alcohol
5.9 g/L total acidity
3.83 pH

aged for 19 months in French oak

WINEMAKERS

John Williams Paula Moschetti Rory Williams

VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

A BRIEF HISTORY

Greeting guests at the entrance to Frog's Leap's Red Barn stand about a dozen shortened rows of Cabernet sauvignon that we affectionately refer to as "The Point." Distinct each year from other Cabernet sauvignon lots, the Point Row wines have a faint hint of mintiness, perhaps attributable to a neighbor's eucalyptus tree. Together with the deep mocha aromas, this wine's unique character has become one of our favorites.

ABOUT THE WINE

Terroir—or the personality of a wine as I like to think of it—is the one thing that keeps me coming back to wine as I occasionally wander off to enjoy a beer or cocktail. The idea that a wine could have its own special character that can't be replicated anywhere else in the world is really an amazing premise. As we taste the barrels in the cellar we typically approach 'The Point' barrels with a smile—knowing that we will always be able in unison to nod our heads and say "That's the point rows."

It is the mintiness combined with the mocha that gives it away: an absolute classic combination, delightful in every way. What to enjoy with this classic Cabernet with a unique twist? A slow-braise of beef comes to mind surrounded by slow-cooked root vegetables. Yum.