

# 2016 ZENITH ESTATE CUVEÉ

Midnight Cellars Vineyard Willow Creek District Paso Robles California

### WINEMAKER

Rich Hartenberger

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

38% Cabernet Sauvianon 38% Merlot 12% Malbec 12% Petit Verdot

COOPERAGE

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BARREL AGING

777

pH/TA 3.46 / 0.673 g/L

**BRIX** 

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RS

0.05%

**ABV** 15.7%

**PRODUCTION** 

98 cases





## **VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2016 vintage started off with some respectable weather through bloom and set. Our first bit of 100degree weather came during the sizing phase, which affected the berry growth on many of our varietals. In September, the ripening was lengthened with the hot and cool temperature swings. Overall, winemakers are optimistic about the yields, with no significant factors like freezes or prolonged heat spikes affecting the crop.

## TASTING NOTES

Essences of vanilla, pomegranate and blackberry notes on the nose, with hints of cocoa powder, white pepper, and baking spices that meld with whispers of blueberry, plum, and cherry on the palate that linger into a long-lasting finish. Full-bodied with complementary tannins.

Drink now through 2040.