



Rancher Red, Napa Valley 2016 Saddleback Cellars, California, USA

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Dense in the glass, rustic aromas of peak-season cherries and pipe tobacco reinforce the wine's rich approach. Layers of flavour include ripened country-roadside blackberries and cherries, and are softened by a finish of vanilla and graphite from nicely balanced tannins. Fruit-forward and bold.

Terroir:

Saddleback Cellars is a small winery located off the beaten path Money Road, off of Oakville Cross Road in the heart of Napa Valley. 7Ha estate with ~6 Ha of Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Grigio and Zinfandel vineyards. The majority of the grapes came from the dry farmed 3.6 Ha of Cabernet Sauvignon planted on the estate located ~0.5 km north of the Oakville Crossroad. The soils are of Pleasanton and Bale loam series with spots of silt and gravel.



Vinification:

Gently crushed into small fermenters. Ferment on the skins for 14 days. After pressing, the wine was racked into 60% new French and 10% new American oak barrels and left to age for 24 months. During this time native malolactic fermentation occurred. Filtered before bottling.

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 83%, Petite Sirah 10%, Syrah 7%

Residual Sugar: 3 g/L

Serving suggestion and food pairing: Decant and serve at 17°C. Pairs wonderfully with hard cheeses, bacon-wrapped pork loin, grilled corn, barbecued meats.

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