

2016 Stice Lane Vineyard

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Recognizing the Stice Lane Vineyard as a site capable of producing Cabernet Sauvignon with classic Napa Valley character, the Rombauer family produced their first wine from this site with the 2004 vintage. They were so pleased with the quality of the fruit from the vineyard, they purchased the site a year later.

VINEYARD

Stice Lane Vineyard in St. Helena was once a source for some of Beaulieu Vineyard's top wines. A former river bed, the site's gravel deposits provide ideal soils for growing concentrated, full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon. This single-vineyard designate is produced from the D Block, planted in the property's southwest corner in 1995. The vineyard is Napa Green/Fish Friendly Farming certified.

WINEGROWING

The 2016 growing season was near-perfect, with favorable weather conditions from budbreak to bloom and veraison to harvest. A series of warm days in September brought the grapes to ideal ripeness and, though the vintage was somewhat smaller than average, the quality was outstanding. Sustainable farming practices were tailored to each block with the assistance of NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) technology. All fruit was hand-picked at night and sorted in the vineyard.

WINEMAKING

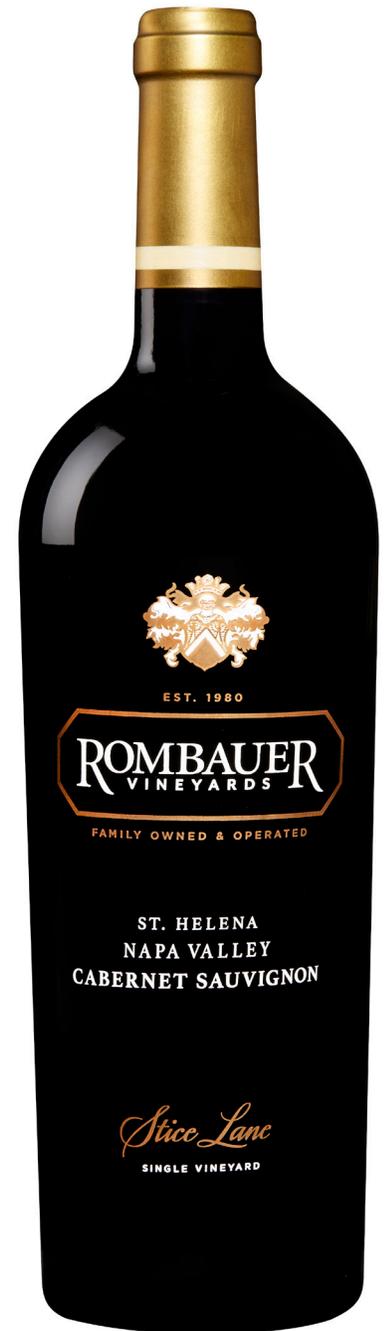
The grapes were carefully destemmed and optically sorted to ensure only perfect fruit made it into the wine. The wine was 100% barrel-fermented to provide a more textured palate and silky tannins. The wine was gently basket-pressed before being racked to French oak barrels for aging.

TASTING NOTES

This deep purple-black wine enchants with aromas of cranberry, raspberry, pomegranate, and sweet tobacco. The palate exhibits flavors of cassis and strawberries, along with molasses and a mineral character. Smooth tannins mark the long finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our favorite *Joy of Cooking*® pairings* for this wine include Roasted Lamb Shanks, Steak on the Coals with Chimichurri, and Roasted Carrots.



RELEASE DATE	October 2020	AVERAGE BRIX AT HARVEST	26.3
APPELLATION	Stice Lane Vineyard, St. Helena AVA, Napa Valley	COOPERAGE	16 months in 100% new French oak
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Sauvignon	ALCOHOL	14.8%
HARVESTED	Sept. 28th–Oct. 3rd, 2016	CASES PRODUCED	300

*Recipes for pairings may be found in the *Joy of Cooking*. Recipes not appearing in the book may be found at

www.JoyofCooking.com.



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THE ROMBAUER FAMILY *Inspired by the wine movement of the 1970s in Napa Valley, Koerner and Joan Rombauer entered the wine business in 1976, then launched Rombauer Vineyards in 1980. As stewards of the land, the Rombauers have strived to produce the best wine an appellation, terroir and climate will achieve. The second and third generations are dedicated to continuing Koerner and Joan's vision.*

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