



## 2016 RELENTLESS®

NAPA VALLEY

This wine honors long-time Shafer Winemaker Elias Fernandez and his relentless pursuit of quality. Sourced from a single ridgetop vineyard adjacent to the southern border of Stags Leap District, the grapes for Relentless are a proprietary blend of Syrah and Petite Sirah.

Release Date	September 1, 2019
Vineyard Locations	A small ridgetop site and a foothills site along the Vaca Mountains just south of Stags Leap District
2016 Growing Season	Plenty of rain in winter and spring ended a series of drought years and kicked off a long, warm growing season that produced clusters of fruit with radiant color, pure flavors, and enticing aromas.
Varietal Composition	90% Syrah, 10% Petite Sirah
Brix at Harvest	24.0° - 26.0°
Cooperage	30 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Allier & Tronçais)
Alcohol	15.8%



### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*"The 2016 Relentless offers deep, elegant, meaty, gamey aromas and flavors that are pure Syrah. These are fused with blueberry, black pepper, wet stone, and black tea. The vintage offers an ideal balance of immensity and energy, along with a beautiful, silken texture in the mouth, a lengthy finish, and ripe tannins that promise many rich, memorable years ahead."*

—ELIAS FERNANDEZ

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

*"The 2016 Relentless is every bit as stellar as it was last year. Silky, nuanced and beautifully persistent in the glass, the 2016 is super-refined. A natural tendency towards extroverted power is nicely tempered in this super-polished and highly nuanced Syrah/Petite Sirah blend from Shafer."*

—ANTONIO GALLONI, *VINOUS*

### SHAFER VINEYARDS

Shafer Vineyards is a 30,000 case winery in Napa Valley's Stags Leap District. The Shafer family owns and farms 200 acres of vineyards, sources for Shafer's Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Malbec, Merlot, Syrah, and Petite Sirah.