



2016 TD-9®

NAPA VALLEY

TD-9 is a proprietary blend that celebrates a bold move. In 1973, in the space of a few months, John Shafer went from riding morning commuter trains in Chicago to teaching himself to drive a TD-9 tractor in our Napa Valley vineyard. He'd never grown grapes or made wine in his life. That spirit of risk-taking and adventure still guides Shafer today and inspired the creation of this new wine.

Release Date	September 1, 2018
Vineyard Locations	Stags Leap District, Yountville, and a vineyard in the foothills of 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	58% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Malbec
Brix at Harvest	23.5° – 25.5°
Cooperage	20 months in 60-gallon French oak barrels (100% new: Allier and Tronçais)
Alcohol	15.3%



WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

"This second vintage of TD-9 offers bright, energetic aromas and flavors of red plum, raspberry, strawberry, spice box, exotic fruit, and red licorice. The momentum of all this enticing fruit, along with ripe tannins, is carried through to a long, tantalizing, feast of a finish."

—ELIAS FERNANDEZ

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"The 2016 TD-9 exudes raciness and total class ... a burst of red cherry, plum, lavender, rose petal and spice lead into the silky, super-polished finish."

—ANTONIO GALLONI, *VINOUS*

SHAFER VINEYARDS

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