



2016 HILLSIDE SELECT®

NAPA VALLEY • STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

Hillside Select is a wine of a place, produced each vintage from carefully selected blocks of the hillside vineyards surrounding the winery. These grapes are small and deeply colored, with concentrated flavors enhanced by meticulous winemaking and extensive aging in French oak barrels. Hillside Select consistently expresses the voluptuous fruit, rich flavors, and velvety texture that characterize grapes grown in Stags Leap District.

Release Date	September 1, 2020
Vineyard Location	100% Shafer’s Hillside Estate Vineyards in Stags Leap District including the vineyard blocks Sunspot, John’s Upper 7, Venado Illegal, and Firebreak
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 deep color, pure flavors, and enticing aromas.
Varietal Composition	100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
Brix at Harvest	24.0° - 26.0°
Alcohol	15.5%
Cooperage	32 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Allier and Tronçais)



WINEMAKER COMMENTS

“From the ideal 2016 vintage comes a rich, profound expression of Hillside Select that is lifted, fresh, and vibrant. This Cabernet Sauvignon fills the glass with aromas of blackberry, cassis, currant, wet stone, chocolate, briar fruit, and allspice. In the momentous mouth, from a foundation of lush, dark fruit, there emerges juicy red plum, raspberry, black pepper, and touches of lavender and anise. The tannins are ripe and silky, ready for right-now drinking, while offering the promise of beautiful things to come with cellaring. The finish stays with you both in the mouth and in the memory for a long, long time.” — **ELIAS FERNANDEZ**

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

“... a wine of extraordinary beauty. The purity of the flavors is simply striking, but what really stands out is the wine’s mind-blowing balance and total sense of harmony. An exotic mélange of inky blue/purplish fruit, spice, new leather, lavender and licorice build as this sumptuous, dazzling Cabernet Sauvignon shows off its alluring personality. In a word: magnificent!”

— **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.