

# AQUINAS {a.kwine·əs}



## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Cabernet Sauvignon

83% Cabernet Sauvignon  
8% Merlot  
5% Malbec  
4% Syrah

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**APPELLATION** North Coast

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**OAK AGING** 12 months

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**OAK SOURCING** 70% American Oak, 30% French Oak

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**ALCOHOL** 14.5%

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**PH** 3.71      **TA** 5.9 g/L

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## 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Aquinas Cabernet Sauvignon is a deep maroon color in the glass with bold aromas of dark raspberry, mocha and toasted herb with coconut nuances. The wine is a cooler climate style; elegant with a rich mouthfeel offering a core of juicy, dark fruit flavors, black currant, blackberry and subtle spice. With 12 months of aging in 70% American oak and 30% French Oak, the Cabernet Sauvignon is well-balanced with good acidity and a lingering, flavorful finish. This satisfying wine is pleasant to sip on its own or pairs well with a variety of foods including herb-roasted pork or beef tenderloin.

### APPELLATION

The backbone of this wine comes from Cabernet Sauvignon grown on Pauli Ranch located in Mendocino county. This cooler climate region gives Cabernet Sauvignon fruit depth, structure, dark fruit flavor and subtle, complex herb notes. In addition to Mendocino, perfectly ripened fruit from Napa Valley, Lake County and Alexander Valley compliments the final blend. These additional North Coast appellations bring bright fruit flavors, lush round tannins and good structure throughout.

### BRAND PHILOSOPHY

Aquinas wines were born from our conviction that good wine, one of life's simple pleasures, should be easily accessible to all. In championing this philosophy, we didn't take the easy route. We headed straight for the esteemed appellations of the North Coast—Napa and Sonoma counties, where we began crafting luxurious wines that would be priced within reach of most wine drinkers. Aquinas wines are named in tribute of St. Thomas Aquinas, a revolutionary philosopher of the 13th century who used scientific methods to try to prove the existence of a "higher being." Just as St. Thomas sought to question the assumptions of his world, we seek to challenge the assumptions of ours.