

PEJU

NAPA VALLEY

2016 MERLOT *Napa Valley*

In 1983, Tony and Herta Peju bought thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of the Napa Valley. Since then, the Peju family has maintained a meticulous focus on the vineyard, which has grown to include a proactive approach to sustainability and environmental consciousness. That longstanding commitment and respect for the grapes can be tasted with each sip of these balanced and elegant wines. Still family-owned and operated with daughters Lisa and Ariana poised to take the helm, Peju Winery has become an integral piece of the Napa Valley landscape.

VINTAGE

The near-perfect 2016 growing season started early, saw ideal weather conditions throughout and wrapped up as the valley's first significant fall rainstorm arrived on October 14. Thanks to a relatively steady and mild July and August and then a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness. Wines from the 2016 vintage are now quietly developing in cellars throughout Napa Valley and vintners are pinching themselves and smiling for the gift it appears Mother Nature has given them: a fifth consecutive vintage of stellar quality Napa Valley wines.

TASTING

Deep ruby in color, our 2016 Merlot offers fragrant, layered aromas of juicy pomegranate, baking spice, and a hint of cedar. Lush fruits of cherry and blackberry envelope the palate. Soft hints of toasted almond and vanilla culminate with an elegant finish. Delicious now, this Merlot will continue to mature for the next 6-8 years.



ALCOHOL: 15%
TA: 6.7 g/l
PH: 3.62

APPELLATION: *Napa Valley*

AGING: *18 Months*

RELEASE DATE: *September 2019*

VINEYARDS: *Persephone, Rutherford*

HARVEST DATE: *September 2016*

CELLARING: *Enjoy Now*
through 2025

COMPOSITION : *95% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Sirah*

BOTTLING DATE: *May 2017*

WINEMAKER: *Sara Fowler*

PRODUCTION: *4,972 Cases*