

2016 SENTINEL OAK *Nostalgia Series*
napa valley

In 1983, with dreams of raising their young family on a farm, 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 land, fostering sustainable and environmental consciousness across their five estates. 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.

INSPIRATION

In honor of our rich heritage, we present the Nostalgia Series, a line of Peju club exclusive wines. Spearheaded by Herta Peju, each label showcases a beloved photo of our property over the ages. Sentinel Oak pays homage to the old oak trees found on our Persephone Estate. Oak trees are frequently cut down by vineyard owners since their expansive shade can be deadly to vines. Our family could not bear to chop down such long-standing beings, thus The Sentinel Oak represents our dedication to the beautiful diversity of ecosystem found on our vineyards.

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was the fifth consecutive year that Mother Nature gifted Napa Valley with a nearly perfect growing season. The season started early with a warm winter and normal precipitation levels. Temperatures cooled down in late August allowing the remaining berries to develop intense and balanced flavors. The 2016 vintage produced a remarkably light yield resulting in a higher concentration of flavor in each berry. Our 2016 wines are showcasing to be increasingly aromatic, vibrant and lush.

TASTING

Winemaker Sara Fowler was inspired to create our 2016 Sentinel Oak while enjoying wines from during a trip to France. Sara decided to bring the practices of wines produced from the Right Bank, typically consisting of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, to Peju and created this blend exclusively for our Club Peju members. Aromas of brambleberry, currant, white pepper and dried sage jump out of the glass and entice the senses. This blend possesses a soft, approachable palate with flavors of rhubarb pie, dried bing cherries and baking spice with vanilla bean and integrated tannins on the finish.

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VINEYARD
*rutherford estate, persephone,
wappo*

COMPOSITION
*50% merlot,
50% cabernet franc*

COOPERAGE
*french oak and
american oak, 40% new*

AGING
18 months

ALCOHOL
15.0%

TA
6.3 g/l

PH
3.65

HARVEST DATE
october 2016

BOTTLING DATE
june 2018

RELEASE DATE
november 2018

CELLARING
enjoy now through 2028

CASES
560