





CAIN VINEYARD & WINERY

2008 Cain Five: Estate Grown—Estate Bottled

Like a polished stone, a decade in the bottle has given this wine a warm, gentle luster. It has become transformed, now smoother, with a rounder, longer finish than when first released. It carries a perfumed unctuousness with notes of truffles, flowers, coffee and potpourri that linger on the palate, enlivened by a subtle tension between bitterness and sweetness. We think that the 2008 Cain Five has arrived at a perfect place to be enjoyed today. There is no substitute for time.

Varieties: 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

2016 Cain Five: Estate Grown—Estate Bottled

2016 is a classic Cain Five. Superbly nuanced and articulated, round, sweet, and flowing, with just enough mouth-watering acidity and savory grip so that you know this wine, delicious today, promises to have a great future. 2016 was one of those years where ripening could proceed smoothly and progressively, with no abrupt hot spells to cook the fruit. Harvest in the Cain Vineyard began in mid-September and by mid-October we were done, just before the rain. The wine shows that the grapes were fully ripe yet with tremendous subtlety and complexity—just the way we like it. Among the key factors were the relatively low yields of less than two tons per acre and the moderate temperatures that allowed the vines to thrive all summer long.

Varieties: 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc, 9% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

NV16 Cain Cuvée

The NV16 illustrates perfectly the way in which two vintages blended together can complement one another. 2015 was a moderately warm year with very low yields, while 2016 had higher yields and was cooler. 2016 gave us some lovely, light, perfumed wines, while 2015 plumps it up with roundness and warmth. The signature of the Cain Vineyard comes through clearly, while the vineyards in Rutherford, Oakville, and Carneros each contribute their part. The result, NV16 Cain Cuvée, has a bouquet of raspberries, red cherries, forest, and earth, but the best is the palate. This one steps lightly and with elegance—mouthfilling without being heavy, it slips down easy to a delicate, clean finish. Exactly what we want.

Vineyard Locations: 41% Spring Mountain District, 59% Valley Floor, 100% Napa Valley

Vintage Content: 2015, 2016