



## 2016 Hesperian Cabernet Sauvignon

*Pawa, Napa Valley*

### Description

2016 is the inaugural vintage of “Pawa,” the Wappo indian word for “One.” The name is meant to convey the offer of a harmonious whole from several complementary parts. In 2016, Pawa is pungent, blooming from the glass with essences of red plum flesh. Black olive, old books, money ink, and cappucino also make appearances in the aromas of this high-toned, huckleberry-scented Cabernet.

### Vineyard

50% of this wine comes from earlier picks from the Kitoko Vineyard. Named for the Congolese Lingala word for “beautiful,” Kitoko is a 14.2 acre vineyard high on Atlas Peak, planted to Cabernet Sauvignon in 2000 and 2003. The soils here are extremely rocky, dry, and poor, quite similar to Pritchard Hill to the north, studded with fractured andesite rock and boulders.

The remaining 50% of the wine comes from the best barrels of Didier’s “Eagle’s Nest” Vineyard, in between Monticello Road and Milliken Creek in Napa.

### The Harvest

2016 was a consistently uneventful, generous, and excellent vintage. A cooler August extended hangtime and at harvest time, fruit was abundant, ripe, and clean. The vintage was accordingly kind to the vineyards, and produced one of their finest wines.

ALCOHOL LEVEL:	13.8%
CÉPAGE:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
ÉLEVAGE:	20 Months in 25% new French oak
PRODUCTION:	197 cases
OPTIMAL AGING:	2020 - 2024