
BRAVE & MAIDEN

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TECHNICAL NOTES

2016 LIMITED MERLOT

Red with a slight purpling toward the rim this wine is both opaque and viscous. Cherry, cherry blossom, blackberry jam and graphite jump from the glass. The palate is jammy in a good way, with silky tannins and notes of raspberry and dark chocolate.

VITICULTURE

<i>AVA</i>	Los Olivos District, Santa Ynez Valley
<i>Year(s) Planted</i>	1996 - 1998
<i>Clone(s)</i>	181
<i>Harvest Date(s)</i>	September 30th
<i>Vintage Notes</i>	2016 was meant to be an El Niño rainy season that would cut a big dent in California's historic drought. But hopes were unrealized as the year began with another dry winter season. Fortunately, late season rains helped to leach salts and boost vine health. Spring to early summer was warm, then cooled off in July and August and finished with a heat spike in September, all helping to push harvest to another early start. While 2015 was Brave & Maiden's smallest vintage in years, 2016 rebounded with our heaviest crop to date.

WINEMAKING

<i>Description</i>	De-stemmed and hand-sorted to 1.5 ton fermenters, fermented for 14-21 days. Barreled down to 100% French oak, approximately 50% new and aged for 20 months.
<i>Blend</i>	100% Merlot
<i>Alcohol</i>	15%
<i>pH</i>	3.38
<i>Total Acid</i>	0.622 mg/100mL
<i>Residual Sugar</i>	none
<i>Bottle Date</i>	July 18th of 2018

RELEASE

<i>Cases</i>	196
<i>Release Date</i>	November 2018
<i>SRP</i>	\$65