

2016 SKETCHES Napa Valley

Sketches

PEJU
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.

INSPIRATION

Artistic expression is a value Herta Peju has held dear throughout her life. From her early school years and through college she would draw and doodle all over her notebook as a tool to remember her lessons. Working closely with HB, Winemaker Sara Fowler created a magnificent wine encompassing the beauty that HB sees in everyday life. Sketches, a Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot blend, is harvested from our acclaimed Persephone Estate Vineyard. At nearly 1,000 feet elevation, Persephone produces fruit with rich, focused flavor, and a precise sense of place. Each bottle of Sketches features a label with artwork by HB Peju, making it an excellent trophy for your cellar.

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 fruit. 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

A bright and savory wine, Sketches charms the senses with aromas of cherry tart, cranberry pie and dried herbs. With the first sip, structured, harmonious tannins envelop the palate with raspberry, dark plum, graham cracker and a pop of white pepper spice. Finishing with notes of cocoa nibs, our 2016 Sketches is enjoyable now while also cellar worthy.



ALCOHOL: 14.5%
TA: 6.4 g/l
PH: 3.64

APPELLATION: *Napa Valley*

AGING: *18 months*

RELEASE DATE: *October 2018*

VINEYARDS: *Rutherford*

HARVEST DATE: *October 2016*

CELLARING: *Enjoy Now
Through 2028*

COMPOSITION : *53% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 47% Merlot*

BOTTLING DATE: *April 2018*

SRP: *\$125*

PRODUCTION: *261 Cases*

WINEMAKER: *Sara Fowler*