

ZIATA

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON METEOR VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

The Vineyard:

Planted atop a knoll in the gentle rolling hills of Coombsville, this 22-acre vineyard is co-owned by internet pioneer Barry Schuler and acclaimed winemakers Bill and Dawnine Dyer.

Neither hillside nor valley floor, this perch in the southeast corner of Napa Valley offers a singular combination of elevation, aspect and stony, volcanic ash soils. The well-draining soils impart depth and minerality to the wine, and the even, daytime temperatures and cooling breezes from San Pablo Bay allow leisurely ripening, which softens tannins and produces lush, yet bright, fruit.

There is a distinct profile to Meteor Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon that we love: its vibrant, violet-hued color, flavors of blackberry and red cherries, and ripe fruit aromas create a beautifully refined and elegant wine with everything in perfect balance. We picked, fermented and aged clones 4 and 7 individually, then crafted our final blend from them.

The 2016 Growing Season:

The 2016 vintage was one of Napa Valley's best. The long growing season was temperate and even, with just the right amount of sunshine and heat to set up an ideal harvest where we were able to harvest each site at optimal conditions for mature tannins and perfectly ripe fruit flavors.

The Winemaking:

Winemaker Jennifer Williams has been with Ziata since January 2015. After interning for a harvest at Araujo Estate and Spottswoode Estate, she joined Spottswoode full-time and worked under the tutelage of vineyard manager David Abreu before becoming the winery's vineyard manager for two years, and then winemaker for six years, before launching her consulting business in 2011.

Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley
Fermentation:	Whole berry fermentation with punch down and pump over for gentle extraction
Aging:	24 months 75% new French oak, 25% neutral French oak
Alcohol:	15.0%
Production:	200 cases