

Argot Starstruck Cabernet Sauvignon

Argot Wines

United States - California - Napa Valley

Sourcing from vineyards scattered throughout Napa Valley's spectrum of terroirs, this wine arrives in the glass with a great complexity of personality. Remaining true to last vintage's bottling, 2016's Starstruck pours a vibrant purple, offering vibrant aromatics, regal structure and great freshness. Where this bottling has evolved, is by way of Sage Ridge's warmer, up-valley, higher elevation, red-fruited power, which bolsters the dark blue/purple, cool-fruited character of the other three, cooler-climate Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards. Further, the addition of Merlot has added a wonderful juiciness in both flavor and structure.

A palate's tour of Napa Valley's myriad terroir — sunbaked ridgetops; forested hillsides; orange-soils; cooling, maritime winds; dense, fog-shrouded mornings. While 2016 keeps with the theme from previous vintages, new flourishes have been added to the mix — a warmer, up-valley vineyard, along with a dollop of Merlot — to up the ante. This cuvee opens to an alluring approach-ability, vibrance, and kiss of juiciness, by way of baked red pie-fruits. On a beam of blood orange accents, a powerfully precise delineation of intense dark fruits flushes out the palate. A singularly delicious and complex representation of Cabernet Sauvignon from the Napa Valley, that begs to be devoured.



Specifications

Appellation	Napa Valley
Wine Type	Red
Varietals	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot
Age of Vines	15-25 years old
Agricultural Practices	Sustainable
Soil type	iron-rich rocky soil
Vinification	Hand-harvested at night, to protect fruit integrity. Cluster sorted, destemmed, berry sorted by hand, fully crushed. 7-day cold soaks, an average of 20 days skin contact. Individual vineyards raised separately, blended shortly before bottling. Aged 20 months in French oak, 80% new. Suscol Ranch barrels racked once at twelve months. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.
Production	350 (9-liter cases)

Codes, Weights and Measures

UPC	7 84585 02493 3
Units/Case	12
Unit Size	750 mL
Container	bottle
SCC	1 07 84585 02493 0

Case Weight	47
Cases/Pallet	44
Layers/Pallet	11
ABV	14.50%
SRP	\$ 92.99 USD 750mL Bottle

Reviews and News

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