



FLANAGAN

2016 SERENITY WAY

HARVEST DATE various picks between Sept. - Oct. 2015

pH 3.7

TA 6.22g/L

ABV 15.5%

BLEND 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Merlot

BARREL AGING 100% new French oak barrels

CASES PRODUCED 92

RELEASE DATE January 2020

VINTAGE NOTES

2016 Flanagan Serenity Way is our Tete de Cuvée Cabernet and Merlot Proprietary Red Wine. In the terrific 2016 vintage we crafted one of our finest wines to date. This is always a very small production and in 2016 we made 92 cases.

The 2016 Vintage provided a modest crop of excellent fruit. This vintage was characterized by better fruit set and a cooler growing season than 2015. The wines from 2016 are more elegant and balanced. The cooler temperatures in 2016 meant grapes tended to ripen at lower Brix levels and lower pHs than they did in 2015.

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Serenity Way has an expressive nose of rose hips, red cedar, anise and Bergamot. On the palate there are red and black fruits like red currant and black plum skin. There are also savory tobacco notes. The finish is long and clean. It reminds me of the brilliant 2009 Serenity Way.

Vintage after vintage Serenity Way displays elegance, power, and balance. The Wine Advocate would never give this wine 100 points...but if I put it (blind) into a lineup of great Bordeaux they might. The wine, like all our wines, is built on great fruit, restraint in wine making, balance, and ageability. If you think that Sonoma County can't produce Cabernet to rival Napa then you need to think again. The best mountain sites in Sonoma are producing wines that marry the elegance and nuance of Bordeaux with the consistent ripeness achievable in the North Coast.

