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## 100 Points

### North Coast Part 1: Napa Valley's Incredible 2016s



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—Pahlmeyer Reviews by Jeb Dunnuck. Posted January 31, 2019.

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## 2016 Pahlmeyer Cabernet Sauvignon Piece De Resistance

98+

The best barrels from the growers, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Piece de Resistance checks in as 100% Cabernet Sauvignon that was brought up in new oak. Massive notes of crème de cassis, black cherries, new saddle leather, and lavender all flow to a full-bodied, incredibly layered, uber-sexy beauty that just knocks it out of the park.

## 2016 Pahlmeyer Proprietary Red Blend

96

A blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest mostly Merlot and Cabernet Franc, the 2016 Proprietary Red is a modern-day classic that has tons of crème de cassis, graphite, tobacco, and earth-driven aromas and flavors. It's deep, pure, layered, and elegant on the palate, with a great finish. Feel free to drink this beauty any time over the coming 20-25 years.

## 2016 Pahlmeyer Merlot

94

Mostly estate fruit, the 2016 Merlot spent 22 months in primarily new French oak. Black cherries, smoked earth, graphite, dark chocolate, and licorice notes all emerge from this rich, full-bodied, concentrated Merlot that has subtle background oak but displays a supple, seamless balance style that's a joy to drink.