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Napa 2016 Vintage 5 Consecutive Years of Fantastic Wines

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"I am now convinced: the 2016 vintage in Napa and Sonoma Valley is exceptional. The 2016 bottles, particularly in Napa, Carneros, Sonoma Coast and Knights Valley, show beautiful transparency and freshness, regardless of color or grape type. Their sense of place as well as vintage is what great wine is all about. The best have a classicism that highlights their firmness of tannins, brightness of acidity and clarity of fruit that all wine lovers appreciate."

Pahlmeyer 2016 Merlot Napa Valley

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This super-concentrated Merlot is brimming with blueberry, bilberry and bitter-chocolate aromas. Plush tannins provide a deep and firm foundation for the rich body. Impressive now, but with the structure for long aging.

Pahlmeyer 2016 Red Napa Valley

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A concentrated and essence-like nose of elderberries, blackcurrant compote, peppermint and forest floor, but also hot stones, pressed violets and fresh eucalyptus. So complete and complex on the palate, which is full-bodied and layered with super velvety tannins, wrapping the seamless fruit together. A mouthful of pure silk.

Pahlmeyer 2016 Chardonnay Napa Valley

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Fresh citrus, orange peel, bracken and pine needles. Medium body, bright acidity and a medium-chewy finish. Reserved and savory.