



# 2016 DURIF Horse Heaven Hills

CASES PRODUCED: 123

**DavenLore**  
winery

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Jet black and inky as you pour this wine into your glass, the bold rich color might make you think: Will this stain my glass, my teeth, or both? A mixed berry compote of dark fruit like blackberry and black currant with the full-bodied, robust and richness of English breakfast tea. Add to that smoked cedar plank, coffee bean and leather, this wine is so full of flavor that will slap your senses to attention. How this grape can be so monstrous while being so approachable is one of its many mysterious qualities. When I have a customer that asks for a bold wine, I drop the BOOM of Durif on them and watch their eyes light up as they breathe in the heady bouquet. It is truly a pleasure. The tightly packed small grape cluster of this variety truly hides a behemoth of flavor, color and aroma that has few equals.

*Gordon Taylor, Winemaker*

## VINEYARD

**LOCATION:** ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

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Cabernet Sauvignon Block 11

**Planted:** 1998 **Slope:** South

**Soil:** Warden Fine Sandy Loam

## WINEMAKING

**DURIF • ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD**

**Harvested by hand:** September 14, 2016

**Brix:** 25.5 **pH:** 3.79 **Yeast:** NT116 **Max Temp:** 86°F

**Fermentation:** 5 Days **Pressed:** September 19, 2016

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON • ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD**

**Harvested by hand:** October 19, 2016

**Brix:** 25.5 **pH:** 3.98 **Yeast:** ICV OKAY **Max Temp:** 83°F

**Fermentation:** 5 days **Pressed:** October 23, 2016

## DURIF

**Wine Lore:** WE have a few words to say about this wine.

**Big.**

**Bold.**

**Dark.**

**Inky.**

**Chewy.**

**Hearty.**

**Complex.**

**Conspicuous.**

We leave it up to you to complete the 4 list.



## TECHNICAL DATA

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**FINAL PH:** 3.60

**BLEND:** 82% Durif

18% Cabernet Sauvignon

**BOTTLED:** March 10, 2020

**POTENTIAL AGING:** 2-7 years

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Black Truffle Cheese

Spaghetti Carbonara

Smoked Pork sliders

Lamb shoulder roast

