

KAPCSÁNDY FAMILY WINERY 2016 VINTAGE REVIEWS

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON – GRAND VIN

Élevage: Aged in 90% new French oak, 5% new Hungarian—5% second fill French

Blend: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 14.5%

- Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Parker's Wine Advocate - October 2018 – 100 Points "The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Grand Vin State Lane Vineyard is deep garnet-purple colored with a lovely crème de cassis core backed-up by the most amazing perfume of lilacs, oolong tea, camphor and dark chocolate plus gentle wafts of aniseed and red currants. Mediumbodied with fantastic vibrancy and intensity, the palate practically rings with spine-tingling energy. It slowly builds in the mouth to reveal layers of red and black fruits supported by a very finely grained frame and seamless freshness, leading to a drop dead gorgeous, perfumed lift on the long finish. Sex in a glass."

- Jeb Dunnuck – January 2019 – 100 Points

"A perfect wine and a legend in the making, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Grand Vin from the Kapcsandy family is 98% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Cabernet Franc (no Merlot, which is rare for this cuvée) that was brought up in 90% new barrels. Reminding me of a great vintage of Château Latour with its straight-up awesome bouquet of blackcurrants, lead pencil, crushed rocks, tobacco, and graphite, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, a multi-dimensional, layered, seamless texture, perfect balance, and building structure. Made in an incredibly classic style, with one foot in Bordeaux with its elegance and class and another firmly in Napa with its layered richness, it can be drunk today with incredible pleasure yet will be a 40- to 50-year wine. Hats off to this estate for such an incredible wine!"

- Antonio Galloni, Vinous - December 2018 - 97 Points

"The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Grand Vin is incredibly aromatic, nuanced and layered. Exquisitely elegant and finessed, the 2016 is super-expressive today. Sage, mint, lavender, plum and earthy notes all run through this supremely refined, expressive Cabernet Sauvignon. Translucent and nuanced, with an almost old school sense of feel, the 2016 is positively stellar."

2016 ROBERTA'S RESERVE

Élevage: Aged in 70% new French oak, 30% second fill French oak

Blend: 100% Merlot Alcohol: 14.6%

- Jeb Dunnuck – January 2019 – 99 Points

"Another wine that flirts with perfection is the 100% Merlot 2016 Roberta's Reserve, which was harvested at the end of September and spent 20 months in 70% new barrels. I finished my note on this wine with "Best Merlot in the New World," and I can't think of another wine that comes close to the layered, balanced, majestic style of this beauty. Offering up a kaleidoscope of black cherries, damp earth, chocolate, cedarwood, and spring flowers, it's full-bodied and rich, yet just glides over the palate with a seamless, elegant, pure style that needs to be tasted to be believed. As with all the Kapcsandy wines, it has the purity and balance to offer pleasure in its youth yet is going to evolve beautifully."

- **Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Parker's Wine Advocate October 2018 98 Points** "The deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Roberta's Reserve State Lane Vineyard has a totally seductive nose of Indian spices, fruitcake and sandalwood over a core of preserved plums, dried mandarin peel, blackberry pie and blueberry compote with a touch of cedar chest. The palate is medium to full-bodied with gorgeous plush tannins and balancing freshness supporting the boldly spicy black fruit preserves, finishing very long."
 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous December 2018 97+ Points

"The 2016 Roberta's Reserve is a powerful, dense wine with serious tannic clout. Beams of supporting tannin give the wine energy and drive. Reticent at first, the Roberta's fleshes out on the mid-palate and finish, where the succulence and intensity of the fruit is most apparent. Super-ripe red cherry, kirsch, pomegranate and dried flowers meld into the resonant, substantial finish. There is so much to the 2016."

2016 RAPSZODIA

Élevage: Aged in 80% new French oak, 10% new Hungarian — 10% second-fill French oak

Blend: 100% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 14.3%

- Jeb Dunnuck - January 2019 - 99 Points

"The 2016 Rapszodia is just about as good as it gets and is 100% Cabernet Franc brought up 91% new French oak. This inky colored effort offers a truly sensational bouquet of blueberries, black currants, spring flowers, and graphite, with some subtle chocolaty oak and spice developing with time in the glass. While this cuvée was first made in 2010, it's only been 100% Cabernet Franc twice, once in 2015 and now in 2016. All about elegance and complexity, this perfectly balanced, layered wine is a tour de force in Cabernet Franc that will stand up with the greatest examples of this variety out there."

- Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Parker's Wine Advocate October 2018 97 Points "The deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Rapszodia has a stunning perfume of red roses, black cherries, black raspberries and unsmoked cigars with nuances of cinnamon stick, pencil shavings and menthol. The palate is medium-bodied with fantastic mid-palate density and firm, ripe, finely grained tannins, finishing with loads of minerality and zip."
 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous December 2018 94 Points

"The 2016 Rapszodia is super-expressive, especially in its aromatics. Bright red cherry, raspberry, rose petal, mint and blood orange all run through the 2016. Time in barrel has softened some of the rougher edges the 2016 showed in barrel. In 2016, Rapszodia is built on energy and persistence rather than size. Then again, these wines have always been about elegance more than power."

2016 ESTATE CUVÉE – CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Élevage: Aged in 88% new French, 6% new Hungarian—6% second-fill French.

Blend: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.3%

- Antonio Galloni, Vinous - December 2018 - 95 Points

"The 2016 Estate Cuvée has turned out beautifully. Pliant, supple and inviting, the 2016 Estate Cuvée is one of the most refined wines I have tasted from Kapcsándy. Silky tannins and lifted, savory aromatics add to an impression of polish. The Cabernet Sauvignon savory notes are quite prominent, while the addition of 16% Roberta's Merlot helps fill out the mid-palate beautifully. This is such a pretty wine."

- Jeb Dunnuck – January 2019 – 95 Points

"The 2016 Estate Cuvee checks in as a blend of 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 16% Merlot brought up in a mix of new and used barrels. This deeply colored beauty has impressive black cherries, currants, scorched earth, graphite, and subtle background oak, with ample richness and depth. It's rich, layered, has beautiful tannins, and an elegant style on the palate, yet it certainly has plenty of concentration. It will be better with a year or two of bottle age and is going to evolve gracefully."

- Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Parker's Wine Advocate - October 2018 - 94 Points "A blend of 84% Cabernet Sauvignon and 16% Merlot aged in 88% new French oak, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Cuvée is deep garnet-purple colored with a wonderfully spicy nose giving up notes of Chinese five spice, eucalyptus and dark chocolate with a core of crème de cassis, mincemeat pie and Christmas cake plus a waft of potpourri. Medium-bodied with lovely velvety tannins and great freshness supporting the generous fruit, it finishes long and exotic. Delicious now but will cellar!"