



LEESE - FITCH

CALIFORNIA

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2016

88_{pts}

“Perfect wine to pull off the rack and share with friends. The unique, but harmonious, blending of both appellations and varietals belies its simple California designations. Minimal oak aging adds wonderful complexity to great fruit notes. Wonderful value.”

BEVERAGE DYNAMICS September 2018

VARIETAL

78% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Merlot, 3% Petite Sirah,
3% Rubired, 2% Barbera,
2% Alicante Bouchet,
2% Ruby Cabernet

APPELLATION

65% Lodi, 17% Clarksburg,
5% Paso Robles, 4% Kern County,
4% Madera, 4% Monterey,
1% Amador County

ANALYSIS

pH 3.61
TA 6.2 g/L
ALC 13.5%
RS 1.1 g/L

UPC

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SRP

\$12

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2016 Leese Fitch Cabernet Sauvignon heavily relies on our friends who grow Lodi Cabernet. Our Cabernet comes from many growing areas within the Lodi appellation but predominantly Borden and Mokelumne. These are two warm areas that have good dirt for growing Cabernet. The heat pushed these Cabernet blocks toward dark cherry fruit and round supple tannins Clarksburg Cabernet and Mendocino Merlot add cool climate structure to this blend with some earthy notes. One leg of the blend was some older vintage Paso Cabernet that adds structure with some leathery nuances. A dab of Clarksburg Petite Sirah adds jamminess while the balance of the varietals add color and touches up the fruit while softening the blend to round out the mouthfeel. There are many parts of this blend but the sum all ties together in a great approachable package to enjoy year round.

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