



# FLANAGAN

2016 MERLOT



APPELLATION	Bennett Valley
HARVEST DATE	September 21th, 2016
pH	3.6
TA	5.99
ABV	15.4%
CASES PRODUCED	120
RELEASE DATE	July 2019

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage provided a modest crop of excellent fruit. The 2016 vintage was characterized by a cooler growing season than 2015 so the wines in 2016 are, in general, more focused. The cooler temperatures in 2016 meant grapes tended to ripen at lower Brix and pH levels than they did in 2015.

Precise sustainable farming, picking for balance, and making the wine with minimal intervention all contribute to what we believe is one of the top Merlots made in California.

## TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Flanagan Merlot Bennett Valley has beautiful aromatic notes of bergamot, black raspberry, and Bay leaf. The palate has ripe red currants and black plum with lots of structure. The acidity provides beautiful delineation and tension in the mouth. The small berries produced from the steep, volcanic hillside site gives the wine great color and concentration.

This is a generous, age worthy, world-class Merlot.