

2016 THREE GRACES  
 HIRONDELLE VINEYARD  
 STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY



<p><b>APPELLATION:</b></p> <p><b>VINEYARD:</b></p> <p><b>COMPOSITION:</b></p> <p><b>FERMENTATION:</b></p> <p><b>AGING:</b></p> <p><b>ACID:</b></p> <p><b>pH:</b></p> <p><b>ALCOHOL:</b></p> <p><b>HARVESTED:</b></p>	<p>Stags Leap District, Napa Valley</p> <p>Hirondelle Estate</p> <p>83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot</p> <p>Stainless steel tank, 2-3 daily pump overs</p> <p>24 months in 100% New French Oak</p> <p>6 g/L</p> <p>3.8</p> <p>14.2%</p> <p>September 21-30, 2016</p>
<p><b>WINEMAKER'S INSIGHT</b></p>	<p>The 2016 Three Graces opens with deep black raspberry aromas as well as violets and dusty cedar wood. Rich, voluptuous flavors are well balanced with plum, espresso and rose petals that finish with round, velvety tannins.</p>
<p><b>HARVEST</b></p>	<p>Another early year in Napa Valley! The growing season started 2-3 weeks early and progressed perfectly through the ripening process. No rains during flowering this year which meant the crop was more plentiful than last year. Instead of keeping very warm temperatures through the Summer (which would have led to an early harvest), we had cooling patterns throughout the season that lengthened the harvest out. In general, the longer the growing season the better the quality. The last grapes came into the winery on October 14th which happened to be the first day we saw rain for the season.</p>
<p><b>HISTORY</b></p>	<p>Clos Du Val, French for “small vineyard estate of a small valley,” was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District. The winery was first recognized for its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley’s most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos Du Val farms 350 acres of estate vineyards in the Stags Leap District, Carneros and Yountville appellations and continues to craft wines of balance and complexity, showcasing the fruit from the outstanding terroir on which our estate lies.</p>