

CONNOISSEURS GUIDE

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RODNEY STRONG
VINEYARDS



2016 BROTHERS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

90 POINTS

“Although a bit aromatically hesitant at first, the Brothers bottling surprises on the palate and proves to be the biggest and boldest of the three Rodney Strong offerings. It echoes past versions in its emphatic ripeness and fruity heft, and, even if giving ground to some finishing heat, its blackcurrant qualities last and last. It is now and will remain even after its five-plus year tannins begin to abate, a heady, big-bodied, fully packed wine that is marked by richness far more than finesse, and whether enjoyed early or patiently cellared, it wants drinking with hearty, flavored fare such as a garlicky roast leg of lamb.”

2016 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

90 POINTS

“If at first inclining a bit more to ripeness than fruit but opening to show more fruity intensity and focus in short order, Rodney Strong’s 2016 Reserve is, when given a bit of time in the glass, a richly flavored wine whose sweet oak, loam and chocolatey extras make for an involving Cabernet that turns out to be chock-full of curranty fruits. Its supple mouthfeel is sure to tempt early drinking, and, while it is not too tannic to serve as an appealing foil to typical Cabernet fare for those short on patience, it has the structure to evolve and become even more polished if afforded three or four more years on the cork and will be in fine drinking shape for three or four more.”

2016 SYMMETRY

90 POINTS

“Articulate, fruity, but showing a good deal of complexity with elements of roasted coffee, sweet oak spice, a touch of sweetbriar and a faint streak of loamy soils all merging quite nicely first on the nose and again in its extended, very well-combined flavors, this fleshy, slightly supple, moderately full-bodied Meritage blend is an expressive, well-structured wine. It has the right pieces in all the right places but requires three to five years of patience before its finishing tightness and nominal tannins ease.”

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