



GANDONA

## 2016 Gandona Cabernet Sauvignon

Gandona Estate vineyards are carved from the steep terrain of Pritchard Hill and planted in small blocks, each with its own distinct personality. Each block is harvested in individual batches, isolating flavor variations and then blended to create the foundation for the rich, complex wines of Gandona Estate.

### Technical Information

**Vineyard Source:** Gandona Estate Vineyard

**Winemaker:** Philippe Melka

**Blend:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Harvest Dates:** 9/28/2016 – 10/10/2016

**Fermentation:** 96.4% Concrete, 3.6% OXO, 30 day average on the skins

**Barrel Aging:** 73% New French Oak

**Bottling Date:** August 2018

**Number of Cases Produced:** 560

**Release Date:** September 2019

### Winemaker's Note

The 2016 Gandona Estate is aromatic and expressive with ripe blueberries, blackberry compote, violets, and cocoa nib taking center stage, underlain by notes of sweet earth, crushed rocks, and cigar box. With a dense and concentrated structure, it makes an impressive entrance, driving straight to the top with a pulsating acidity that elevates the fruit and holds its position front and center. Polished tannins build and round with time. The 2016 Gandona exudes power and finesse while still being light on its feet. The lengthy, mineral finish is a grand finale that is deserving of a standing ovation.

*"The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is every bit as impressive from bottle as it was from barrel. Bright, floral and nuanced, with all of the depth these wines have always shown, the 2016 packs a serious punch. Raspberry jam and floral notes, along with bright acids, carry the 2016 effortlessly. The energy and tension in 2016 are palpable and also a departure from the past, when the wines at times were quite heavy. The 2016 is easily the best wine I have tasted from Gandona. I can't wait to see how it ages."*

**97+ points – Vinous, Antonio Galloni**