



GANDONA

2016 Encosta 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: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

Harvest Dates: 9/23-10/12/2016

Fermentation: Average 29 days in 92.1% Concrete, 7.9% OXO Barrel Aging: 20 months, 66% new French oak

Bottling Date: August 3rd, 2018

Number of Cases Produced: 895

Release Date: March 2019

Winemaker's Note

The 2016 Encosta launches with an intense nose of black cherries, Framboise liqueur, and cherry blossoms. The aromatics continue to elevate with fragrant notes of strawberry preserves, violet crumble, orange zest and forest floor. Persistent and exuberant, the silky texture glides across the palate while the mouth-watering acidity builds and carries the brightness and elegance through the lengthy, flourishing finish. Remarkably integrated, the tannins are in attendance without being assertive. Reflective of the vineyard and resplendent growing season, this is a highly finessed wine that will continue to reveal itself with age.

"The 2016 Gandona Vineyards Encosta Cabernet Sauvignon is very deep garnet-black in color and scented of warm plums, crushed black cherries and black berries with touches of pencil lead, cedar chest, menthol and fragrant earth. The palate is medium to full-bodied, with wonderful freshness and great intensity of red and black fruits in the mouth, with a grainy frame and minty lift to finish."

91 points – The Wine Advocate, Robert Parker