



# 2016 Gravelly Meadow

Diamond Creek Vineyards was founded on the philosophy that different soils impart distinct flavors in a wine. Planted in 1968 on pebbly, brown soil, the Gravelly Meadow Vineyard comprises approximately 5 acres of the total Diamond Creek estate.

The 2016 vintage will be remembered as one of the premier vintages for Diamond Creek. A wet winter helped to revive vines following a series of drought years. Spring and summer brought warmer temperatures, without significant heat spikes, but a cool spell in August delayed what was expected to be an early harvest. The approach to harvest came under dream conditions, and the vineyards were picked patiently beginning in late September through the second week of October.

The wines are remarkable expressions of the vintage, weaving together power and elegance, and purity of fruit.

- Harvested October 11th, 2016
- Aged 20 months in French oak
- Blend: 75.3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10.4% Petit Verdot, 8.4% Merlot, 3.8% Malbec, 2.1% Cabernet Franc
- Tasted August 2023 - Blueberry, cassis, licorice, lavender, and vanilla scent from the glass. Black cherry, blueberry, cassis and cool notes of mineral, wet stone, mint, and bay leaf color the palate. Ripe, well sculpted tannins support the lasting finish with a long thread of acidity.

