



# 2016 Volcanic Hill

Diamond Creek Vineyards was founded on the philosophy that different soils impart distinct flavors in a wine. Planted in 1968 on light, fluffy, ashy soil, the Volcanic Hill Vineyard comprises approximately 8 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 September 21st – October 8th, 2016
- Aged 20 months in French oak
- Blend: 81.7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7.4% Malbec, 7.4% Petit Verdot, 2.4% Merlot, 1.1% Cabernet Franc
- Tasted August 2023 - Aromas of black fruits, cassis, cacao, sandalwood. Rich entry with dark shades of blueberry, black cherry, blackberry compote, expanding into graphite, espresso bean and singed orange peel. The mouthfeel is voluminous with chiseled tannins and the finish is deep and persistent.

