

2016 CARBONE RED WINE NAPA VALLEY

OUR HISTORY IS JUST BEING WRITTEN. WE HAVE BEEN DILIGENTLY WORKING AWAY IN NAPA VALLEY FOR OVER 20 YEARS, FARMING THE LAND AND REAPING THE REWARDS OF OUR LABOR. OUR CRAFT IS IN EVERY WAY A WORK IN PROGRESS: WE CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND TO LEARN, AND EACH YEAR WE ADD ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF NAPA VALLEY WINE TO THE RICH STORYLINE OF WHAT HAS COME BEFORE.

LONG BEFORE OUR ARRIVAL, IN THE EARLY DAYS OF NAPA VALLEY VITICULTURE, THREE BROTHERS SETTLED IN WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS COOMBSVILLE. ANTONIO, LORENZO, AND NICOLA CARBONE WERE THE FIRST ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS TO INHABIT THIS QUIET, ROLLING AREA EAST OF THE CITY OF NAPA, CULTIVATING THEIR FIRST CROPS IN 1872. THEY PLANTED GRAPES ON THE HILLSIDES, AND ON THE FARM AROUND THEIR HOMESTEAD, THEY PLANTED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN ABUNDANCE. BY 1886, THEY HAD CONSTRUCTED AT LEAST ONE RESIDENCE, AS WELL AS A STONE CELLAR THAT STILL REMAINS. THE PROPERTY BECAME KNOWN AS THE ANTONIO CARBONE WINERY AND ITALIAN GARDENS.

WE ARE INCREDIBLY LUCKY TO HAVE PAINSTAKINGLY RESTORED THE OLD RESIDENCES, WINERY, ORCHARDS AND GARDENS, AND NOW CALL THIS HOME FOR OUR FAMILY AND FOR FAVIA WINES. DRAWING FROM THE SAME VINEYARD BLOCKS WE'VE WORKED WITH FOR NEARLY FIFTEEN YEARS, WE ARE HONING OUR CRAFT WITH EACH SEASON, AND WE COULD NOT BE CLOSER TO THE WINES THAN WE ARE NOW, LIVING ABOVE THE BARREL CELLAR.

WITH A NOD TO THE PAST, AND WITH AN EYE TOWARD CONTINUING OUR STORY, WE ARE INCREDIBLY HAPPY TO RELEASE THE SECOND VINTAGE OF "CARBONE," A WINE THAT CELEBRATES THE HISTORY AND PROMISE OF THIS PROPERTY. THE 2016 VINTAGE IS A BLEND OF 61% CABERNET FRANC, 28% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, AND 11% PETIT VERDOT. THE WINE IS A DARK, INKY BLACK-PURPLE COLOR, WITH GREAT PURITY OF FRUIT AND AN AMAZING DEPTH OF CHARACTER. ON THE NOSE ARE AROMATICS OF FRESH BERRIES, CLOVE, BAKING SPICES, AS WELL AS DRIED FLOWERS AND A HINT OF TOASTED OAK. THE WINE HAS A MOUTH-FILLING STRUCTURE AND AMPLE ACIDITY AND WILL CERTAINLY AGE FOR TWO DECADES OR MORE. THAT BEING SAID, IT IS VERY ENJOYABLE IMMEDIATELY, AND SHOULD INDEED BE, WITH GUSTO!

ANNIE CALLS IT OUR "FARM WINE," WHICH REALLY MEANS WE'D BE HAPPY TO SHARE IT AT DINNER, WITH FRIENDS AND PRODUCE FROM THE GARDEN. NO DOUBT IT WILL BRING JOY TO MANY A TABLE.