



2016 PROWESS SONOMA COUNTY

ARROWOOD

Our home vineyard and tasting room are located in the historic Sonoma Valley, a swath of land tucked between the Mayacamas and Sonoma Mountain ranges. While we source wines throughout Sonoma County, we have found three specific AVAs where Cabernet Sauvignon takes on its most powerful terroir-driven expressions: Sonoma, Knights and Alexander Valleys. By sourcing fruit from these three legendary locations, Arrowood wines showcase Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon at its very best.

ALEXANDER VALLEY

The Alexander Valley runs southeast to northwest alongside the Mayacamas and is one of the warmest AVAs in Sonoma County. We source fruit from the southern part of the AVA, where early morning fog and slightly lower daytime high temperatures offer a balanced climate for ripening Cabernet. The soils range from alluvial at lower elevations to rocky loam on the more rugged slopes. The combination of these factors brings out nuanced aromatics and firmly structured tannins.

TASTING NOTES

The Prowess is the truest expression of its vintage, with each year's release containing different combinations of the five Bordeaux varietals sourced from Arrowood's top vineyard sites. Each year winemaker, Kristina Shideler, strives to create the most complete and complex wine possible outside the bounds of a single varietal. This means that the blending process can often go through over twenty iterations before the ultimate blend is selected for optimal structure, texture and finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETALS

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 7% Malbec,
3% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL 14.6%

PH 3.62

APPELLATIONS

40% Sonoma Valley, 56% Knights Valley,
4% Alexander Valley

TOTAL ACIDITY 0.62 g/100 ml

CASES BOTTLED 665

VINEYARDS

Kellogg, Smothers-Remick Ridge, Vennes, Arrowood

WINEMAKER

Kristina Shideler

WINEMAKING

Fermented in open top stainless-steel tanks, going through malolactic fermentation in tank, then racked to barrel. Barrel selected and blended at 18 months, aged for the total of 24 months in French oak (56% new).