



# CHALK HILL

## CHAIRMAN'S CLUB 2016 CLARA'S VINEYARD RED

THIS WINE comes from our 15.9-acre Clara's Vineyard located on Chalk Hill Estate. First planted in 2003 this warm, south-facing site features rocky, porous volcanic soils that are ideal for red Bordeaux varieties. To preserve the long-term viability of the ecosystem, all of our vineyards are maintained using low-input, sustainable viticultural practices. The 2016 growing season began with an earlier than average bud break and fruit set followed by moderate temperatures in spring and summer. This allowed for even ripening, and balanced flavors.

The 2016 Clara's Vineyard Red provides aromas of fine leather, rich cocoa nib and toasted vanilla. Composed of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Petit Verdot these varietals create a blackberry hue contributing dense berry flavors with a tinge of clove on the palette. Tannins are bold and abundant yet smooth and refined on the finish. The 2016 Clara's Red can be enjoyed immediately upon release, but has an aging potential of 15 or more years.

### H A R V E S T

*Harvest Dates:* OCTOBER 10TH – 12TH, 2016

*Average Yields:* 3.1 TONS/ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 26°

### F E R M E N T A T I O N / B A R R E L

CULTURED AND NATIVE YEAST FERMENTATION

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BÂTONNAGE

*Cooperage:* 100% FRENCH OAK, 85% NEW

*Barrel Aging:* 21 MONTHS

### W I N E

*Blend:* 61% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 38% MALBEC,  
1% PETIT VERDOT

*Bottling Date:* JULY 12, 2019

*pH:* 3.90      *TA:* 5.3 G/L      *Alcohol:* 15.5%