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2016 Merlot, Central Coast

Our History

BARGETTO WINERY has been dedicated to producing fine Santa Cruz Mountain wines for 85 years. As one of California's most historic wineries, and the oldest winery of the Santa Cruz Mountains, the third generation of Bargettos continues to pursue winemaking excellence and innovation.

The Appellation

The Central Coast Region of California represents a cool growing area with a variety of microclimates and soil types. Moderated by the Pacific Ocean, the Central Coast yields wines with an intensity of flavor and crispness not found in warmer winegrowing regions. Although the region is large geographically, all of the growing areas within the appellation have relatively cool nighttime temperatures that help maintain good grape acidity.

Winemaker's Notes

The 2016 Central Coast Merlot is deep garnet in color with excellent clarity. It has fruity aromas of black cherry, plum, and currant, as well as notes of cocoa, clove, and roasted coffee beans. This Merlot is medium-full bodied, with nice acidity and soft tannins. On the palate, this wine offers flavors of cherry candy, raspberry preserves, and baking spice. These dark fruit and savory spice flavors linger on the palate with a lengthy finish. This vibrant young Merlot is smooth and ready to be enjoyed right away, or can be aged for a couple years if you prefer.

Best food pairings include: chicken dishes, as well as other lighter meats like pork or duck.

Suggested Retail: \$16.00



Technical Stats

Varietal Composition	91% Merlot 9% Other
Appellation	Central Coast
Vineyard(s)	76% Santa Barbara County 24% San Luis Obispo County
Alcohol Content	14.7% by volume
Wine pH	3.46 pH
Wine Total Acidity	7.5 g/L
Residual Sugar	Dry
Malo-lactic	Complete
Oak Barrel Aging	18 months in neutral upright oak tanks with French oak inserts
Bottling Date	March 19-20, 2018
Cases Produced	1122 cases