

## An Exceptional Estate-Grown Limited Production Merlot

### 2016 MERLOT

Estate, Mt. Veeder- Napa Valley

The 2016 vintage was yet another outstanding vintage for Mt. Veeder wine. An idyllic growing season allowed the vineyard to showcase its true character and the distinctive qualities that make our wines so exquisite.

This Merlot is classically structured with a nose that conveys sage and winter spice. On the palate, it tastes pure and complex, showing olive, dark chocolate, brisket, and loads of dusty black fruit like ripe black cherries.

Retail \$80

**“Floral, perfumed aromas of fermentation are charming, yet this is more aggressive with tannins. The core flavors of blackberry, currant, and licorice are vivid and well-defined. The question is if and when the tannins will bend. Best from 2020 through 2034.**

**700 cases made”- K.M.**

**Wine Spectator - 93 points**



## Passion and Distinction Produces Exceptional Wines

With a passion for wine and a desire to produce small quantities of hand-crafted wines from the most distinctive and promising vineyards in the Napa Valley, Proprietors Julie and Justin Arbuckle formed Anthem Winery in 2009. Anthem's guiding principle is simple- only the highest quality, from vine to bottle.

Crafting these wines is Winemaker, Jeff Ames. An explosive talent, Jeff has made some of California's most acclaimed wines from some of California's most notable vineyards. Estate Vineyard Manager is John Anthony Truchard. John brings a rare skillset as he is an experienced viticulturist, an expert vineyard manager, and personally familiar with Napa's top vineyards.

APPELLATION: Mt. Veeder,  
Napa Valley

WINEMAKER: Jeff Ames

VINEYARD: Planted in 1998

COMPOSITION: 84% Merlot,  
16% Cabernet

CLONE: C3

HARVEST DATE: Sept. 27, 2016

ROOTSTOCK: 3309

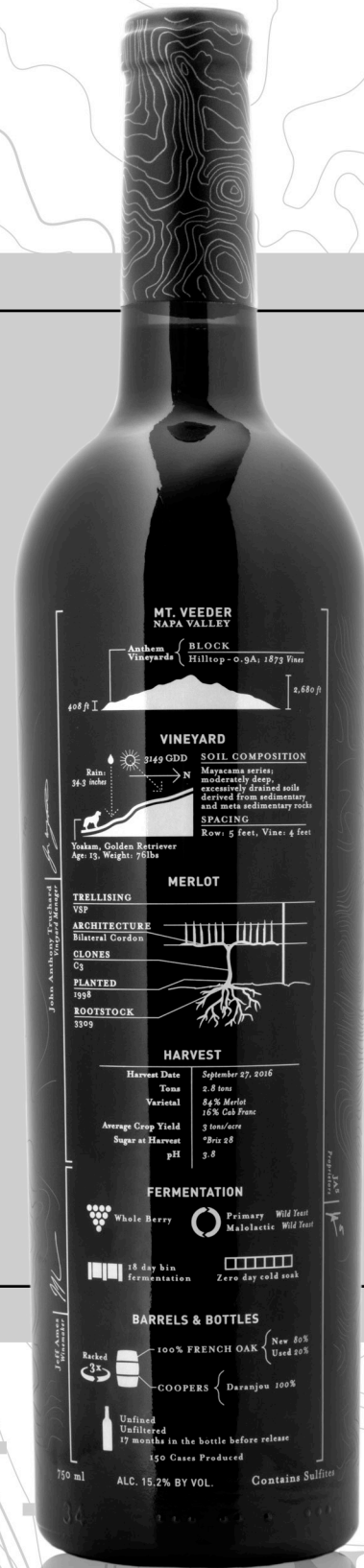
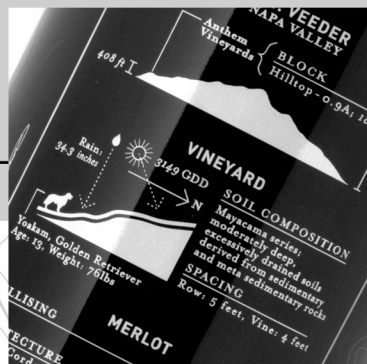
CROP YIELD: 3 tons/acre

OAK: 100% French, 80% new

AGING: 18 months in barrel, 17  
months in bottle before release,  
unfined + unfiltered

PRODUCTION: 150cs

ALCOHOL: 15.2%



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