



COURTNEY BENHAM

2016 MELANGE DU BAUM

STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

Courtney Benham, a leader in quality wine for nearly 30 years, brings you top bottlings from the Napa Valley. From high elevation mountain appellations, to benchland vineyards and sun-drenched valley sites, he seeks locations of distinction, offering wines that are expressive, terroir driven, and exceed expectations.

VINEYARD NOTES

From the volcanic benchland vineyards on the west of the Vaca Range, each block was carefully planted for optimal sun exposure.

— *Ancient volcanic alluvial runoff*

WINEMAKING NOTES

Small lot, four-day cold soak, puncheon fermentation, extended 14-day maceration. Maintained moderate temperatures during fermentation until dry, then basket pressed.

— *75% new, 20 months*

TASTING NOTES

Classic Stags Leap, this Right Bank-style blend is fruit-forward and rich, backed by structured, fervent tannins.

— *Blackberry, Plum, Cedar, Dark Chocolate*

— *Spice box, Fresh Cut Leather, Vanilla*

BRIX | 25.7

pH | 3.73

TA | 5.4 g/L

ALC. | 14.8%

BLEND | 66% Merlot

29% Cabernet Sauvignon

5% Petit Verdot