



## 2016 “mbf” Primitivo

*The foundation of my limited production mbf (man's best friend) wines is always a strong relationship; a vineyard owner, a handshake agreement and my desire to craft an excellent wine from his or her grapes - Brenda Lynch*

### **2016 mbf Primitivo, Speedy Creek Vineyard Knights Valley - Sonoma County**

*Primitivo is a close cousin to Zinfandel. It's name derives from the terms primativus or primaticcio, which refer to the grape's tendency to ripen earlier than other varieties. However, Speedy Creek Vineyard's hillside location and more extreme growing conditions produce small intensely flavored berries that ripen later in the growing season.*

*2015 Vintage*

*Silver Medal - Sonoma County Harvest Fair*

*2012 Vintage*

*Silver Medal - Orange County Fair*

*2011 Vintage*

*Silver Medal - Sonoma County Harvest Fair*

*2010 Vintage*

*Bronze Medal - Sonoma County Harvest Fair*

*2009 Vintage*

*BEST IN CLASS - San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*



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### **Speedy Creek Vineyard, Knights Valley**

I first hiked the Speedy Creek Vineyard in Knights Valley with owners Dave and Kathy Burton in 2008. Speedy Creek refers to the “speed” of their seasonal winter creek as it cascades down alongside their hillside vineyard. The Burtons are committed to sustainable growing practices and Dave's Primitivo grapes have an intensity of character reflective of this true hillside terroir.

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### **Brenda's Winemaking**

**Handle with care.** 2016 is our eighth vintage of our Speedy Creek Vineyard Primitivo and my winemaking approach remained consistent - gentle handling and french oak aging. Fermentation took place in an open top tank, with 3 times per day punch-downs. The wine was barreled down and malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels for 18 months.

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### **Tasting Notes**

My 2016 vintage of Primitivo is quite distinctive when compared to other vintages. Normally dark berry in character, the 2016 is definitely more red fruit in aroma and flavor, with more pronounced spicy notes. Medium in body, it has a wonderful finish of bright red fruit, pepper spice and subtle tannins that promise excellent bottling aging.

Although Primitivo is Italian in heritage, we've grown to love our Primitivo paired with lamb. Grilled lamb chops during the summer with a simple herb rub of salt, pepper and rosemary.

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### **Information**

Vintage:	2016
Appellation:	Knights Valley
Alcohol:	14.6%
Produced:	142 Cases
UPC:	8 50432 09050 2



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