

# Argot Starstruck Cabernet Sauvignon

## Argot Wines

### United States - California - Napa Valley

Sourcing from vineyards scattered throughout Napa Valley's spectrum of terroirs, this wine arrives in the glass with a great complexity of personality. Remaining true to last vintage's bottling, 2016's Starstruck pours a vibrant purple, offering vibrant aromatics, regal structure and great freshness. Where this bottling has evolved, is by way of Sage Ridge's warmer, up-valley, higher elevation, red-fruited power, which bolsters the dark blue/purple, cool-fruited character of the other three, cooler-climate Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards. Further, the addition of Merlot has added a wonderful juiciness in both flavor and structure.

A palate's tour of Napa Valley's myriad terroir — sunbaked ridgetops; forested hillsides; orange-soils; cooling, maritime winds; dense, fog-shrouded mornings. While 2016 keeps with the theme from previous vintages, new flourishes have been added to the mix — a warmer, up-valley vineyard, along with a dollop of Merlot — to up the ante. This cuvee opens to an alluring approach-ability, vibrance, and kiss of juiciness, by way of baked red pie-fruits. On a beam of blood orange accents, a powerfully precise delineation of intense dark fruits flushes out the palate. A singularly delicious and complex representation of Cabernet Sauvignon from the Napa Valley, that begs to be devoured.



## Specifications

<b>Appellation</b>	Napa Valley
<b>Wine Type</b>	Red
<b>Varietals</b>	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot
<b>Age of Vines</b>	15-25 years old
<b>Agricultural Practices</b>	Sustainable
<b>Soil type</b>	iron-rich rocky soil
<b>Vinification</b>	Hand-harvested at night, to protect fruit integrity. Cluster sorted, destemmed, berry sorted by hand, fully crushed. 7-day cold soaks, an average of 20 days skin contact. Individual vineyards raised separately, blended shortly before bottling. Aged 20 months in French oak, 80% new. Suscol Ranch barrels racked once at twelve months. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.
<b>Production</b>	350 (9-liter cases)

## Codes, Weights and Measures

<b>UPC</b>	7 84585 02493 3
<b>Units/Case</b>	12
<b>Unit Size</b>	750 mL
<b>Container</b>	bottle
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<b>Case Weight</b>	47
<b>Cases/Pallet</b>	44
<b>Layers/Pallet</b>	11
<b>ABV</b>	15.40%
<b>SRP</b>	\$ 92.99 USD 750mL Bottle

## Reviews and News

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