

TOFANELLI

2016 ESTATE CHARBONO: *As we know it in California, Charbono is probably the same as the nearly extinct Corbeau or Charbonneau of France. Quite rare, this varietal likes the warm climate around Calistoga where the resulting wine can be an intense black/purple color accompanied by blueberry and cranberry flavors with an earthy richness which reflects our vineyard's soil."* Vince Tofanelli... grape grower, winemaker

"A variety you don't see very often, the 2016 Charbono Tofanelli Family Vineyard is certainly noteworthy and possibly one of the top examples I've tasted. Beautiful blue fruits, white flowers, and graphite notes all flow to a medium to full-bodied red that has fabulous elegance and class. With fine tannins and terrific balance, it's a great wine, and I suspect it will keep for over a decade."

94 Points - Jeb Dunnuck

Alcohol: 14.4

Production: (120 cases)

VINIFICATION

Harvest:	<i>Hand-harvested early morning September 22, 2016</i>
Must Treatment:	<i>De-stemmed direct to open top fermenters, cold soaked 5 days, manual punchdowns, pressed to barrel</i>
Barrels:	<i>25% new French oak</i>
Barrel Aging:	<i>19 months, racked two times</i>
Final Blend:	<i>95% Estate Charbono, 3% Estate Grenache, 2% Estate Mondeuse Noir</i>
Bottling Date:	<i>April 17, 2018</i>

THE VINEYARD

<i>Location:</i>	<i>Calistoga Appellation, Napa Valley</i>
<i>Acreage:</i>	<i>4.75</i>
<i>Soil Type:</i>	<i>26 Bale Series, Gravelly Loam</i>
<i>Vine Style:</i>	<i>Head trained (Gobelet)</i>
<i>Rootstock:</i>	<i>St. George</i>
<i>Irrigation:</i>	<i>None - dry farmed</i>
<i>Philosophy:</i>	<i>Organic</i>