Steele Stymie Merlot 2016
Stymie Vineyard

VINEYARDS
The grapes used to craft the Steele Stymie Merlot are grown at the Stymie Vineyard. Jed purchased this vineyard in 2005 after having sourced fruit from it since 1991. Known for quality fruit, we’ve named this vineyard Steele Stymie Bench Vineyard. It is located on a gravelly bench overlooking the Big Valley area of Lake County. An ideal location for growing Merlot vines.

WINE STYLE & TASTING NOTE
The Stymie Vineyard typically yields a Merlot with a rich, deep red color and firm body, exhibiting aromas of chocolate, jammy fruit, tobacco and pepper. The palate reveals a rich, well-structured wine with layers of ripe red currants, anise, chocolate-covered cherries, a peppery mid-palate, and just a hint of coffee. This high-quality fruit produces an excellent, long-lasting finish and smooth tannins. It’s a perfect “special occasion” wine and pairs well with big hearty foods.

FOOD PAIRINGS
Our Stymie Merlot pairs well with wild game, Beef Wellington, strong cheeses, and rich sauces.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION Lake County, CA  ALCOHOL 14.5%  PH 3.78
TA 0.56g/100mL  RS 0.02g/L  BARREL AGING 22 months in French and American oak (20% new)  VINE AGE Avg. 20 years  YIELDS 3 tons per acre

PRODUCTION 500 cases  MSRP $42.00