



RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
**THE TILLERMAN**  
ESTATE BOTTLED  
RED WINE BLEND  
VINTAGE 2016

ALC 14.2% BY VOL

### THE VINEYARDS:

Chalk Hill is an appellation with, generally, warmer days than in the rest of the Russian River Valley, with a variety of volcanic and alluvial soils across the western foothills of the Mayacamas range, rising 200 to 300 feet in elevation. Here, at our Los Amigos Ranch, just South of Healdsburg, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Sangiovese develop deep, bold flavors.

### THE GROWING SEASON:

Despite going into the 5th year of drought, 2016 was another fantastic growing year in the Russian River Valley. Yields were larger than that of 2015 while a slightly cooler August allowed the clusters to mature more slowly and evenly than that vintage, providing great flavor and color development.

### THE WINEMAKING:

With this blend we strive for a boldly flavored, balanced, well-structured red wine. To achieve this, we evaluate various lots and varieties grown at our Los Amigos Ranch. The 2016 vintage yielded delightfully ripe, richly flavored Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Sangiovese. We added Merlot to the blend to add opulence. The must was fermented and aged separately in European and American Oak for 18 months before blending and bottling.

### THE WINE:

In fire-fighting parlance, a "tillerman" steers the back of a hook & ladder truck. Our founder, Cecil De Loach, held this position in the San Francisco Fire Department. The Tillerman red blend exhibits a deep purple hue, with notes of ripe wild berries, black cherry, and baking spices on the nose. Layered flavors of black currant and raspberry lead to a long finish of dark chocolate spice.

### 2016 "The Tillerman"

Los Amigos Ranch  
Chalk Hill Red Blend

#### BLEND

55% Cabernet Sauvignon  
21% Cabernet Franc  
20% Merlot  
4% Sangiovese

#### HARVESTED

September 19- October 1,  
2016

#### ALCOHOL

14.2%

#### TA

.637

#### pH

3.33

#### CASES PRODUCED

4,756

#### AGING

Fermented individually  
in combination of  
European and American  
Oak for over 18 months.

#### ESTATE BOTTLED

July 25, 2018

#### WINEMAKER

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