

Dakota Shy

These wines from Dakota Shy are among the most impressive I tasted during the month I spent visiting estates in Napa Valley this past fall. Partners Tom Garrett and Todd Newman continue to expand their range with a mouthwatering array of top sites. A new winery (shared with Detert) will only help Garrett get the most out of the fruit he works with. The Dakota Shy Cabernets are racy and bold, but also highly expressive of site.

From Napa Valley's Extraordinary 2016 Cabernets - Part 1 (Dec 2018) by Antonio Galloni

Vintage	Producer	Name	Tasting Notes	Score	Author	Drinking Window	Release Price	Review Date
2017	Dakota Shy	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Zen Master</u>	The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Zen Master is powerful, dense and structured in its expression of the year. Graphite, lavender dark fruit and host of savory notes all meld together in an explosive wine endowed with tremendous personality and character. -- Antonio Galloni	93-96	Antonio Galloni		\$155.00	Dec 2018
2017	Dakota Shy	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Atlas</u>	The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Atlas is a more than worthy follow up to the 2016. Rich and powerful in the glass, with a huge center of fruit and tremendous intensity, the Atlas captures all of the layers of nuance that make wines from Howell Mountain so deeply intriguing. Red fruit, iron, smoke tobacco and cedar build into the huge tannic finish. What a gorgeous wine this. -- Antonio Galloni	93-96	Antonio Galloni		\$175.00	Dec 2018
2017	Dakota Shy	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Moulds Family Vineyard</u>	Another gorgeous wine in this range, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Moulds Family Vineyard is inky, dense and voluptuous. Crème de cassis, menthol, licorice, cloves, chocolate and new leather flesh out in a racy, inviting wine that is going to be impossible to resist, even young. -- Antonio Galloni	92-95	Antonio Galloni		\$150.00	Dec 2018
2017	Dakota Shy	<u>Cabernet Franc Oakville Ranch Vineyard</u>	The 2017 Cabernet Franc Oakville Ranch Vineyard is once again a stand out. Vibrant and pulsing with energy, the 2017 captures the interplay of richness and energy that the best wines from this site are capable of. In this tasting, the 2017 impresses with its remarkable balance and sense of poise. There is a lot to look forward to. -- Antonio Galloni	93-96	Antonio Galloni		\$150.00	Dec 2018
2017	Dakota Shy	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Social Currency</u>	The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Social Currency is polished, refined and quite understated, almost surprisingly so given how rich these Cabernets tend to be. Medium in body and impeccable in its balance, the 2017 has plenty to offer. Expressive floral and spiced notes add brightness to this attractive Cabernet Sauvignon from Detert. Social Currency, which is bottled only in magnum, is conceived as the top wine in the range, but that goes back to an earlier period in time when the range included far fewer single vineyard wines. Some of the newer wines in this lineup offer more character, in my view. (Bottled Only in Magnums) -- Antonio Galloni	91-94	Antonio Galloni		\$495.00	Dec 2018
2016	Dakota	<u>Cabernet</u>		93	Antonio	2021 -	\$95.00	Dec

	Shy	<u>Sauvignon (Napa Valley)</u>	Dakota Shy's 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is a glorious wine. Ample, rich and inviting, but not at all overdone, the 2016 hits all the right notes. Blueberry pie, chocolate, licorice and spice flesh out as this finely sketched, classy Cabernet shows off its considerable appeal. Vineyard sources are Moulds, Paras, Red Hen, Skellenger, Round Pond and Heimark. -- Antonio Galloni		Galloni	2031		2018
2016	Dakota Shy	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Ten</u>	The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Ten is a gorgeous entry-level wine from Dakota Shy. Floral overtones add vibrancy to a core of dark cherry and plum fruit, with savory and spice notes that develop in the glass over time. As appealing as the Ten is today, it is also far from an easygoing wine. Readers should plan on cellaring it for at least a few years. Fruit sources are Red Hen and Round Pond. -- Antonio Galloni	94	Antonio Galloni	2024 - 2036	\$95.00	Dec 2018
2016	Dakota Shy	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson</u>	The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson is bright, aromatic and very nicely lifted, not to mention a terrific example of the vintage and this Pritchard Hill site. Floral notes and red berry fruit are nicely pushed forward. I very much admire both the refinement and energy that pulse through the 2016. -- Antonio Galloni	94	Antonio Galloni	2024 - 2036	\$175.00	Dec 2018
2016	Dakota Shy	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Next Chapter</u>	The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Next Chapter emerges from a striking hillside site in Conn Valley farmed by vineyard guru Jim Barbour. Rich, deep and beautifully layered, this sumptuous, deeply expressive Cabernet hits all the right notes. Captivating, exotic aromatics, dark, layered fruit and plush tannins elevate the Next Chapter into the realm of the sublime. What a gorgeous wine it is. -- Antonio Galloni	95+	Antonio Galloni	2024 - 2036	\$150.00	Dec 2018
2016	Dakota Shy	<u>Cabernet Franc Oakville Ranch Vineyard</u>	The 2016 Cabernet Franc Oakville Ranch Vineyard is elegant, sensual and polished, qualities that very few winemakers seem to be interested in exploring at this large ranch, where the wines often lean towards opulence alone. Floral aromatics, silky tannins and inviting dark cherry/plum fruit are some of the signatures. Time in the glass brings out hints of rose petal, mint and raspberry. Quite frankly, Dakota Shy's 2016 is a revelation, as it shows a side of Oakville Ranch I have rarely seen in the past. I imagine that goes for most readers as well. -- Antonio Galloni	96+	Antonio Galloni	2022 - 2036	\$150.00	Dec 2018
2016	Dakota Shy	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Atlas</u>	The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Atlas captures all the nuance of Howell Mountain in its intensely savory personality. Graphite, lavender, menthol, crushed rocks, crème de cassis and wild flowers abound in this potent, brooding Cabernet Sauvignon. All the elements are wonderfully balanced in a vivid, strikingly beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon from Dakota Shy that will reward readers with many years of exceptional drinking. -- Antonio Galloni	97	Antonio Galloni	2022 - 2036	\$175.00	Dec 2018

2016	Dakota Shy	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Moulds Family Vineyard</u>	The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Moulds Family Vineyard is deep, unctuous and incredibly vivid. Crème de cassis, lavender, sage, mint and wild herbs infuse this mid-weight, super-expressive Cabernet Sauvignon. The Moulds is one of richest and most flamboyant wines in the range, and yet all of the elements are so wonderfully put together. -- Antonio Galloni	96	Antonio Galloni	2022 - 2036	\$150.00	Dec 2018
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2016	Dakota Shy	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Social Currency</u>	The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Social Currency is a very pretty wine with plenty of attractive red berry and floral character. Medium in body and gracious, this supple Cabernet is one of the more approachable wines in the range. I would give the 2016 a few years in bottle to develop more aromatic nuance, although the wine is already pretty expressive. The core of fruit is from Pellet, in St. Helena, which really does drive the wine's personality. Social Currency is bottled in magnum only. -- Antonio Galloni	94	Antonio Galloni	2021 - 2036	\$495.00	Dec 2018
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