

# Pahlmeyer

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On the 2015s, 2016s & Making Luck.



“The very talented winemaker from Pahlmeyer’s sister winery in Sonoma—Bibiana Gonzalez Rave of Wayfarer—has recently been appointed as Chief Winemaker at Pahlmeyer. 2016 was her first vintage here.”

## 2016 Pahlmeyer Cabernet Sauvignon Piece de Resistance - 95-97 points

Produced from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Piece de Resistance has a very deep garnet-purple color and a profound nose of crème de cassis and plum preserves with hints of dark chocolate, Indian spices, cedar and black loam. Full-bodied and packed with black fruit and spice layers, with its almost (but not quite) formidable tannins, it is built like a brick house and should age very well indeed. This is not a wine for the delicate flower-power drinkers or the faint of heart!

- Lisa Perrotti-Brown

## 2016 Pahlmeyer Cabernet Sauvignon Raison D'Etire - 94-96 points

Composed of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon and 17% Cabernet Franc, the very deep purple-black colored 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Raison D'Etire has a lovely mélange of red and black fruit expressions, with intense red and black currant notes over suggestions of incense, menthol, dried herbs and spice box. Full-bodied and firmly structured in the mouth, the palate reveals real finesse and freshness, cutting through the intense berry and spice layers, finishing long with some earthy notes coming through.

- Lisa Perrotti-Brown

## 2016 Pahlmeyer Chardonnay - 95 points

The 2016 Chardonnay has a lovely savory, yeasty/toasty nose over a core of warm grapefruit, fresh apricots and allspice with a touch of candied ginger. Medium to full-bodied, the palate delivers mouth-filling stone fruit and spicy layers, supported by great freshness and finishing long and creamy.

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## 2016 Pahlmeyer Chardonnay Savoir Faire - 95-97+ points

The 2016 Chardonnay Savoir Faire reveals a beautiful floral nose of honeysuckle and orange blossoms over white peaches, yuzu, lemon curd and struck match. Medium-bodied, finely crafted, very refreshing and elegant, the wonderful intensity is well matched by a lively backbone, silken texture and very long finish. Gorgeous.

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## 2016 Pahlmeyer Merlot - 94-96 points

Very deep purple-black in color, the 2016 Merlot has a blockbuster nose of crushed blackberries, warm black plums, violets, cracked pepper and vanilla pod with hints of dark chocolate, licorice and bay leaves. Full-bodied, rich, concentrated and with firm, velvety tannins, the palate is a hedonist's playground with a spicy finish that just goes on and on.

- Lisa Perrotti-Brown

## 2016 Pahlmeyer Proprietary Red Wine - 95-97 points

Blended of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 2% Malbec, the 2016 Proprietary Red Wine has an inky-purple color and nose of crushed blackcurrants, baked blackberries and mocha with touches of sandalwood, pencil shavings and Marmite toast. Full-bodied, rich and full-on seductive, it fills the mouth with pure black fruit and spicy layers, framed by firm, fully ripe, fine-grained tannins and wonderful freshness, finishing long and opulent.

- Lisa Perrotti-Brown