



## 2016 Bat Shlomo Betty's Cuvée

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Release Price</b>	<b>Drink Date</b>	<b>Producer:</b> Bat Shlomo
91	\$60	2021 - 2032	<b>From:</b> Israel
<b>Reviewed by</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Color:</b> Red
Mark Squires	30th Apr 2019	Issue 242 End of April 2019, The Wine Advocate	<b>Type:</b> Table

The 2016 Betty's Cuvée is mostly Cabernet Sauvignon with equal dollops of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot filling out the last 8% of the blend. It was aged for 20 months in 64% new French oak and comes in at 14.5% alcohol. This was sourced from two vineyards (mostly from Zivnon near the border with Lebanon and 30% from Bat Shlomo's 2010 vineyard). This might not always be the most complex or distinctive blend from Israel, but it is refined, suave and beautifully constructed all the time these days. If you said it was from Napa, I wouldn't think twice about it. Elegant in the mid-palate, it shows off velvety texture, focus and a serious backbone as it airs out. Not ready to drink, it really needs at least a year or two in the cellar to calm down and come together. Those are questions it does have to answer in the cellar. It needs to flesh out in the glass and show more expressiveness. I think it will get there. This might well become the best Betty's yet, but give it some time to show everything it has.

**Sweetness:** Dry  
**Type:** Table  
**Variety:** Proprietary Blend