



100 points

BLANKIET ESTATE Mythicus 2016
Paradise Hills Vineyard, Yountville, California

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Mythicus Paradise Hills Vineyard is a total stunner and one of the great wines of the vintage. Time in barrel has done wonders to marry all the elements. Gracious and soft-spoken, with superb textural finesse, the 2016 captures all the best qualities of this site. Readers should expect a mid-weight, polished Cabernet that is more about persistence than impact. Time in the glass brings out hints of cedar, tobacco and scorched earth and yet the 2016 remains powerful, virile and in need of cellaring. The track record for the 100% Cabernet Sauvignon Mythicus is short, but even in the first few vintages I have seen this wine shut down pretty hard after bottling. Readers should be in no rush to open bottles.

-- Antonio Galloni